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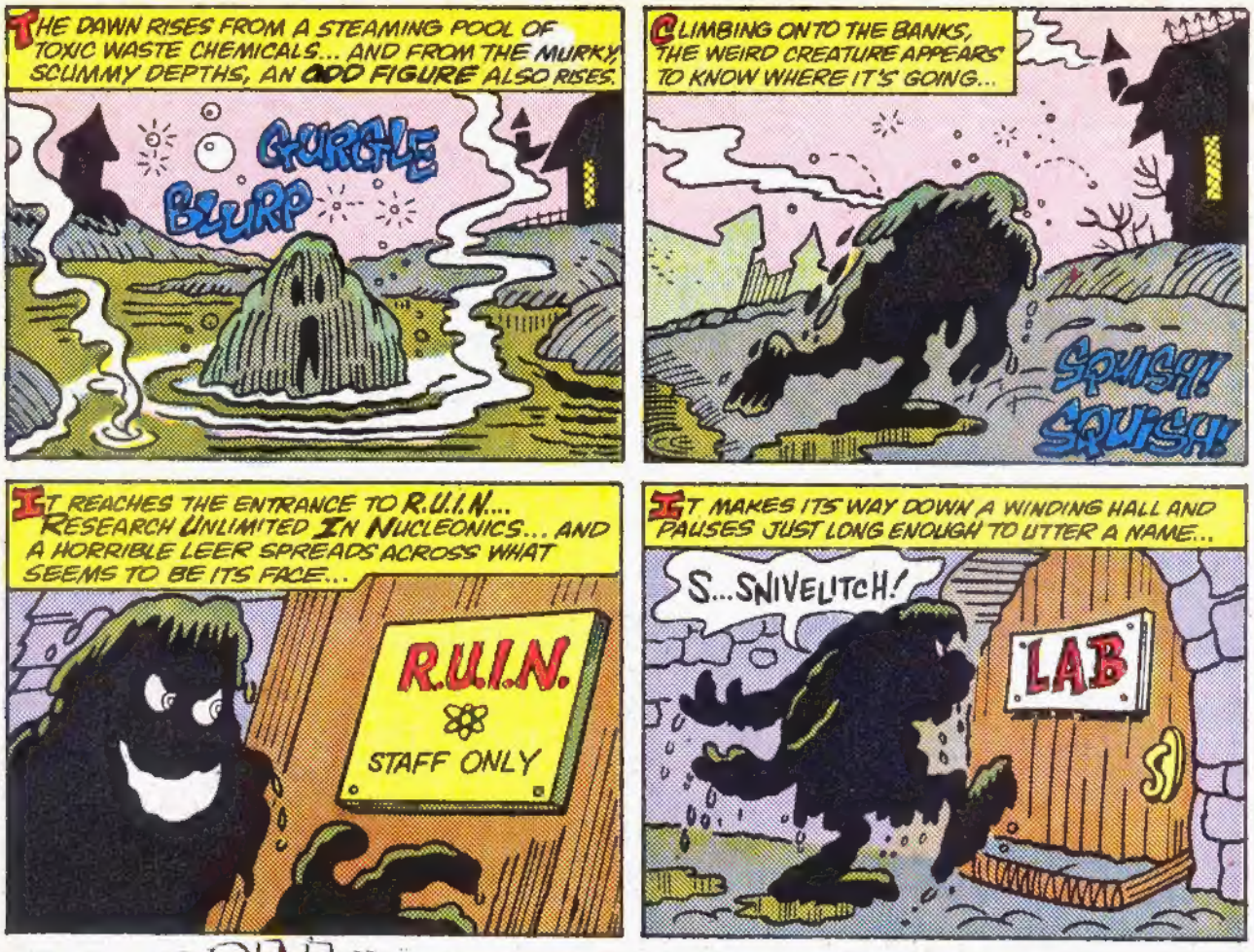

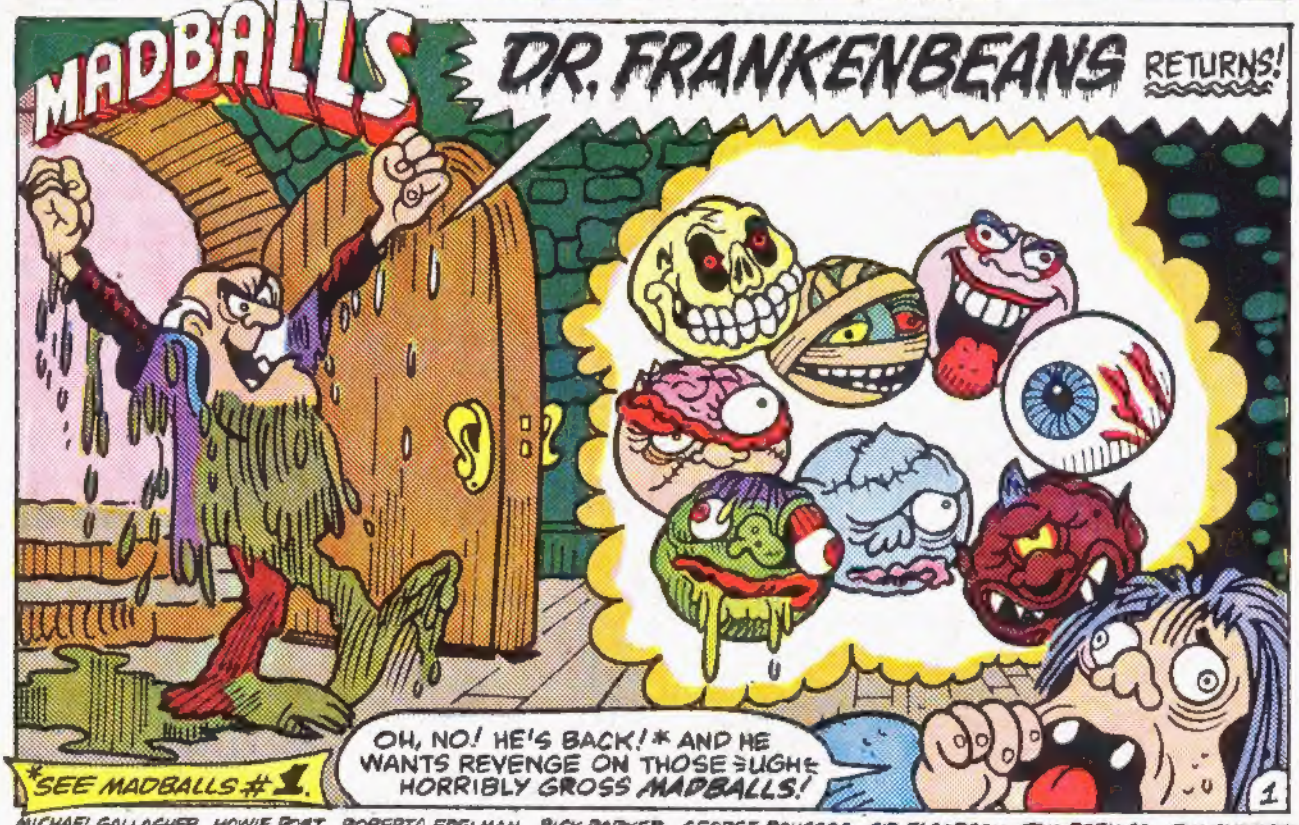

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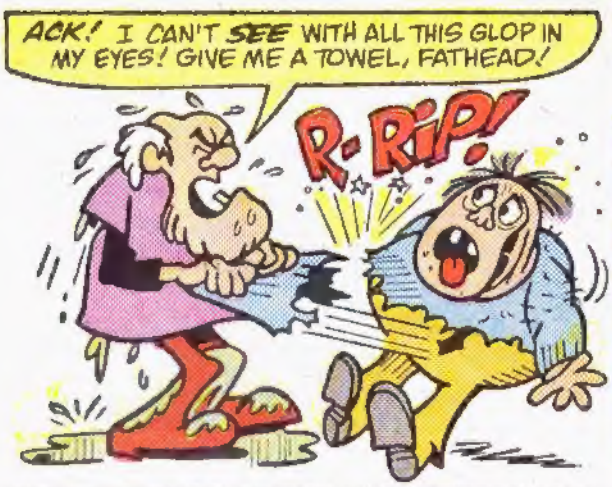
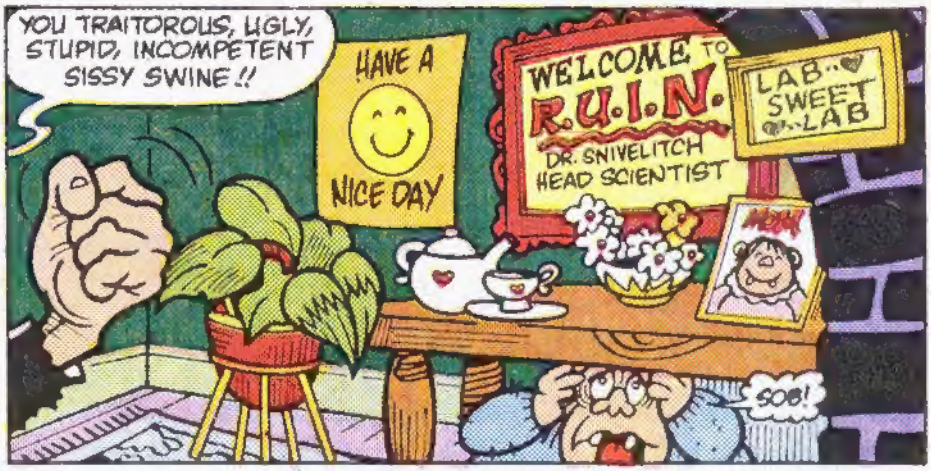
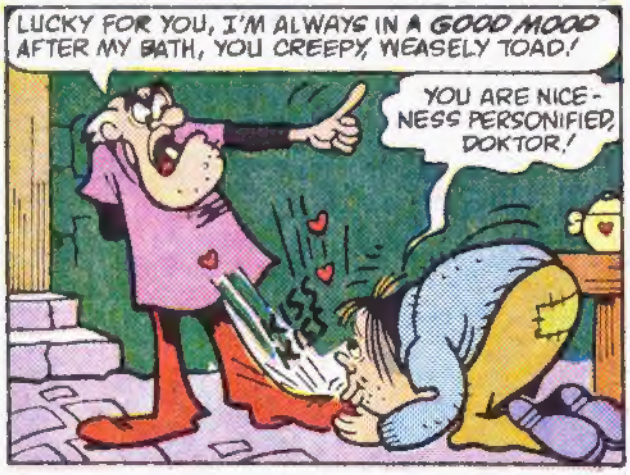
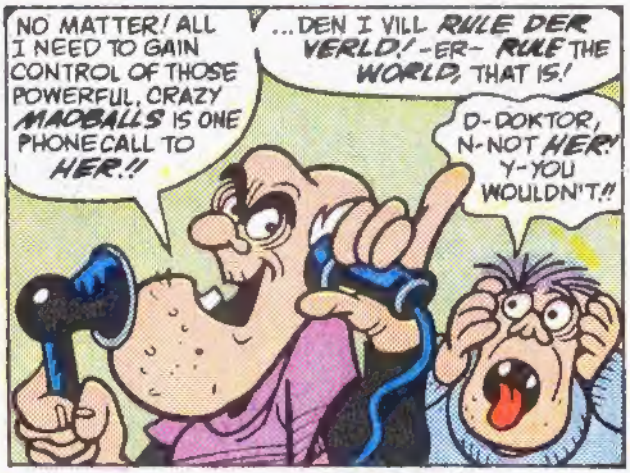

ACK! I CAN'T SEE WITH ALL THIS GLOP IN MY EYES! GIVE ME A TOWEL, FATHEAD!
R-RIP!

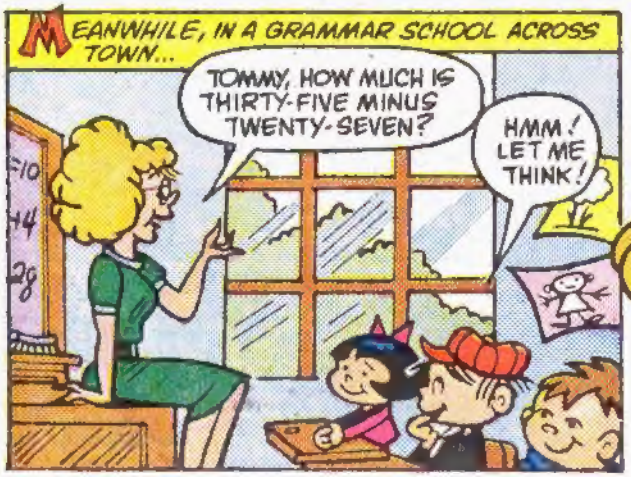
AHH! MUCH BETTER! I HAVE BEEN PLOTTING THE DOOM OF THE MADBALLS, SNIVELITCH! AND I KNOW YOU'VE KEPT MY LAB EXACTLY AS I LEFT IT, RIGHT?
WELL... ER... I... ER...

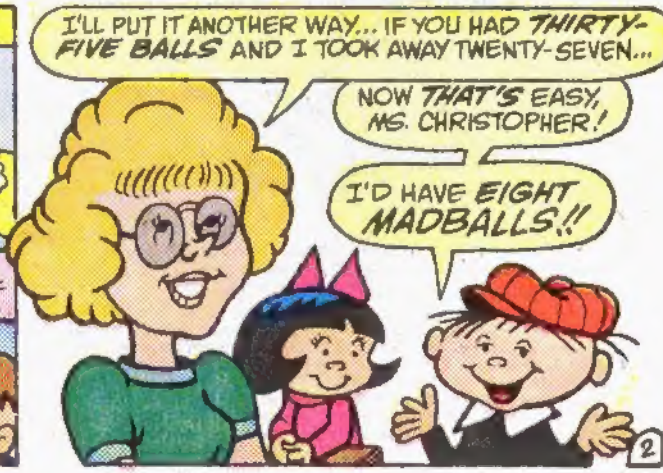
SNIVELITCH!


YOU TRAITOROUS, UGLY, STUPID, INCOMPETENT SISSY SWINE!!
HAVE A NICE DAY
WELCOME TO R.U.I.N. DR. SNIVELITCH HEAD SCIENTIST
LAB SWEET LAB
SOB!


LUCKY FOR YOU, I'M ALWAYS IN A GOOD MOOD AFTER MY BATH, YOU CREEPY, WEASELY TOAD!
YOU ARE NICE-NESS PERSONIFIED, DOKTOR!


NO MATTER! ALL I NEED TO GAIN CONTROL OF THOSE POWERFUL, CRAZY MADBALLS IS ONE PHONE CALL TO HER!!
...DEN I VILL RULE DER VERLD! -ER- RULE THE WORLD, THAT IS!
D-DOKTOR, N-NOT HER! Y-YOU WOULDN'T!!


MEANWHILE, IN A GRAMMAR SCHOOL ACROSS TOWN...
TOMMY, HOW MUCH IS THIRTY-FIVE MINUS TWENTY-SEVEN?
HMM! LET ME THINK!


I'LL PUT IT ANOTHER WAY... IF YOU HAD THIRTY-FIVE BALLS AND I TOOK AWAY TWENTY-SEVEN...
NOW THAT'S EASY, MS. CHRISTOPHER!
I'D HAVE EIGHT MADBALLS!!

YOU CALLED?!

EEK!

CLASS DISMISSED!

HEH! MS. CHRISTOPHER IS A *SCREAM!*

SO...

THAT WAS VERY NICE OF YOUR TEACHER TO GIVE YOU KIDS THE REST OF THE DAY OFF!

YEAH! BUT DO YOU THINK SHE'S *REALLY* GOING TO JOIN THE FOREIGN LEGION LIKE SHE SAID?

NEVER MIND THAT NOW! GRAB A *MADBALL!*

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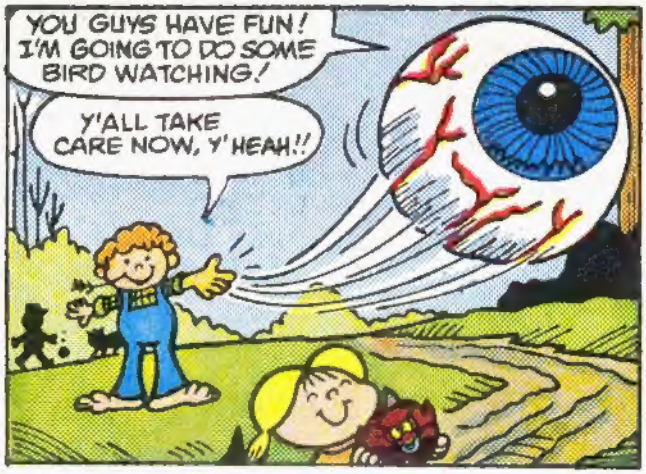
LET'S PLAY *MAD MARBALLS!*

MAD MARBALLS! MY FAVORITE GAME!

WOK!

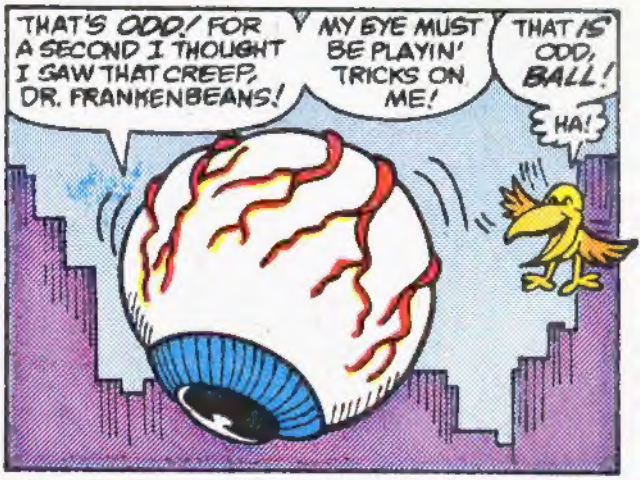
HOW ABOUT IT *OCULUS*--?! WANT TO PLAY?

NAH! LAST TIME WE PLAYED THAT, I GOT HIT IN THE *EYE!*


YOU GUYS HAVE FUN! I'M GOING TO DO SOME BIRD WATCHING!
Y'ALL TAKE CARE NOW, Y'HEAH!!

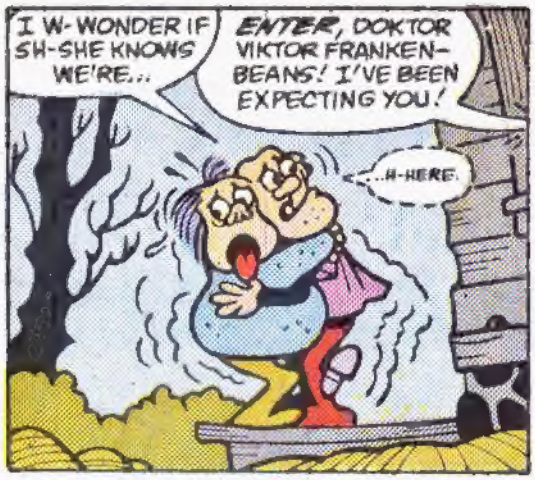
OCULUS ORBUS GOES BIRD WATCHING?
SURE! EVERYBODY OUGHT TO WATCH OUT FOR BIRDS!
OH, THAT'S DISGUSTING!

SOON...
LOOK! UP IN THE SKY! IT'S A BALLOON!
IT'S AN OVERSIZED OLIVE!
ZZZOOM!
WHATEVER IT IS--IT'S A GAS!
EEGAD! IT'S OCULUS ORBUS-- THE MADBALL!
BASH!
QUICK, SNIVELITCH! HIDE BEHIND THIS BILLBOARD!

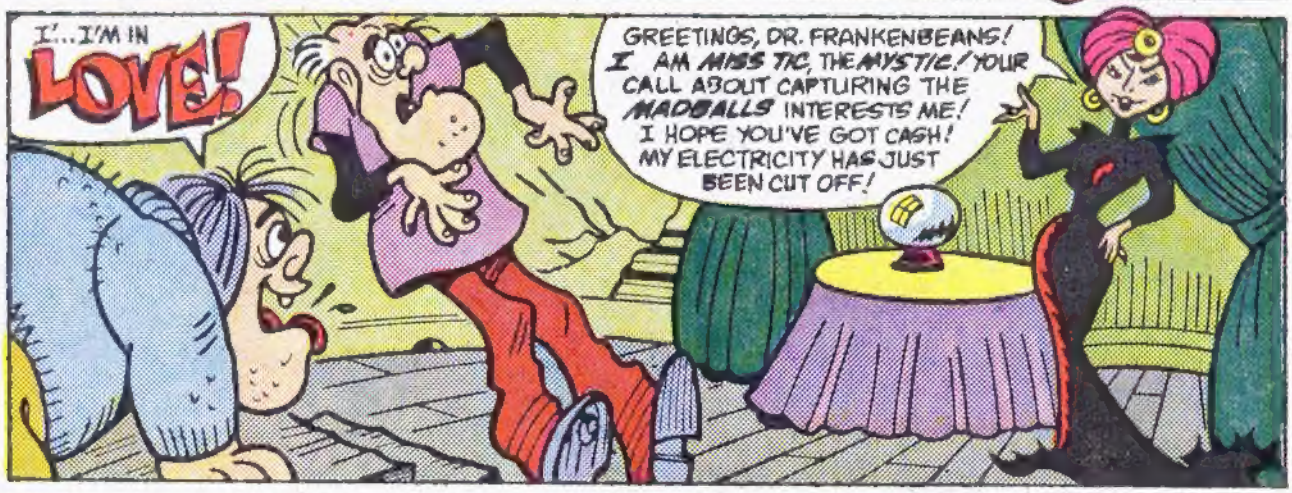

THAT'S ODD! FOR A SECOND I THOUGHT I SAW THAT CREEP, DR. FRANKENBEANS!
MY EYE MUST BE PLAYIN' TRICKS ON ME!
THAT IS ODD, BALL!
HA!

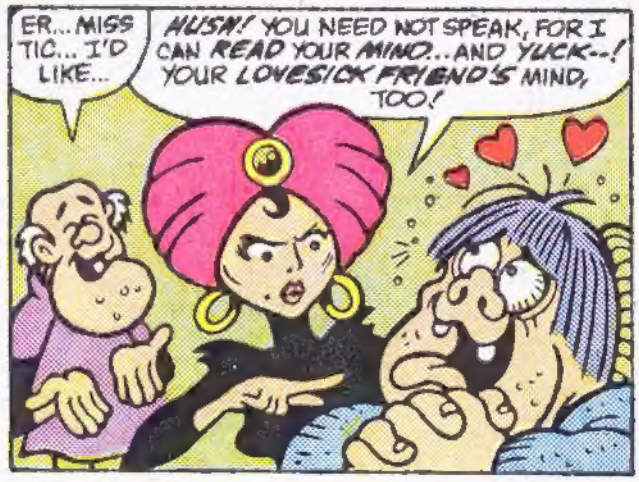
HE'S LEAVING, SNIVELITCH! HE NEVER SAW US! NOTHING CAN STOP US NOW!

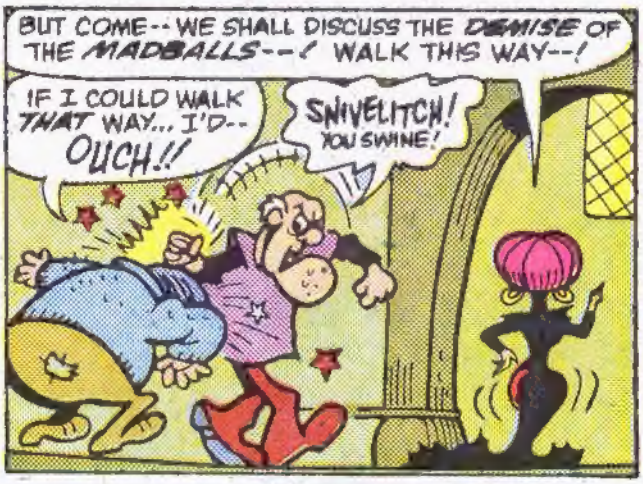
MISS TIC THE MYSTIC
WE'VE ARRIVED, SNIVELITCH! WHERE SCIENCE FAILS, THE SUPERNATURAL PREVAILS!
THE MADBALLS ARE ABOUT TO FALL UNDER THE SPELL OF MISS TIC, THE MYSTIC!

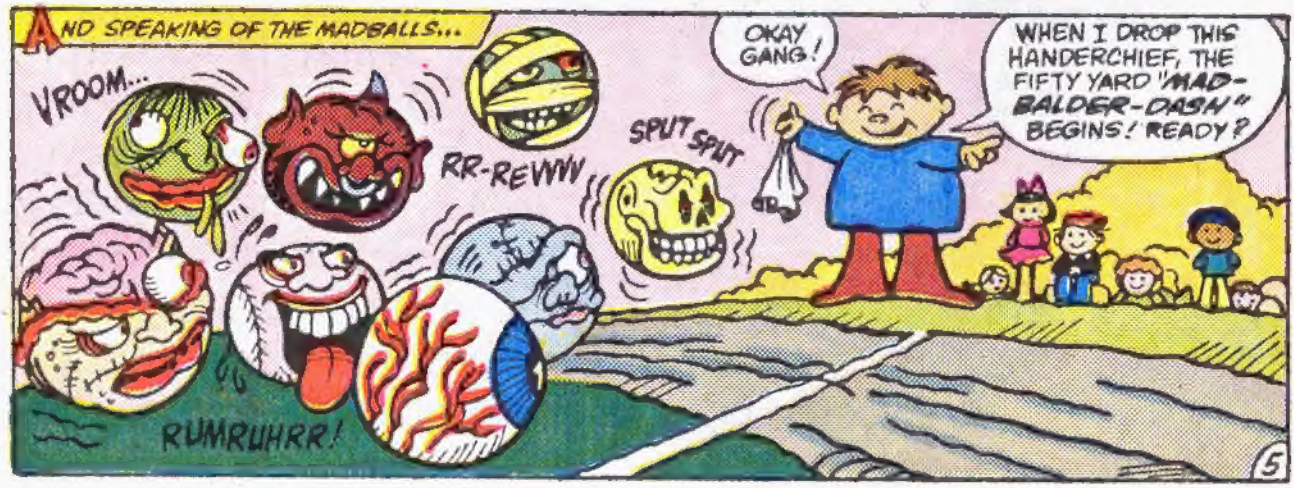

I W-WONDER IF SH-SHE KNOWS WE'RE...
ENTER, DOKTOR VIKTOR FRANKEN-BEANS! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!
...H-HERE.

C-COME ALONG, SNIVELITCH! WHAT'S THERE TO BE A-F-FRAID OF?
I'D LIKE TO MAIL YOU A LIST! I FORGOT- I'VE GOT TO GO TO MY AEROBICS CLASS... I--I'M...I'M...

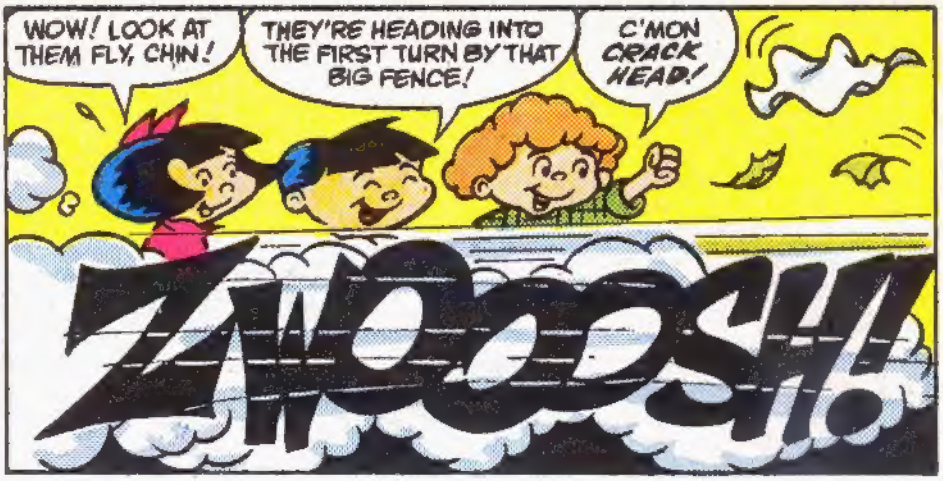

I'...I'M IN LOVE!
GREETINGS, DR. FRANKENBEANS! I AM MISS TIC, THE MYSTIC! YOUR CALL ABOUT CAPTURING THE MADBALLS INTERESTS ME! I HOPE YOU'VE GOT CASH! MY ELECTRICITY HAS JUST BEEN CUT OFF!

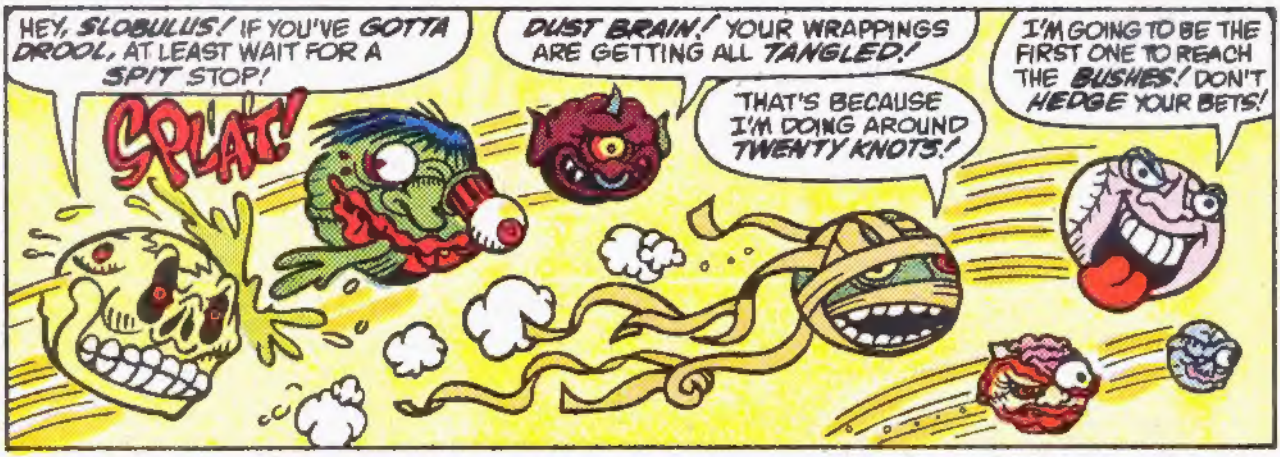

ER...MISS TIC...I'D LIKE...
HUSH! YOU NEED NOT SPEAK, FOR I CAN READ YOUR MIND...AND YUCK--! YOUR LOVESICK FRIEND'S MIND, TOO!

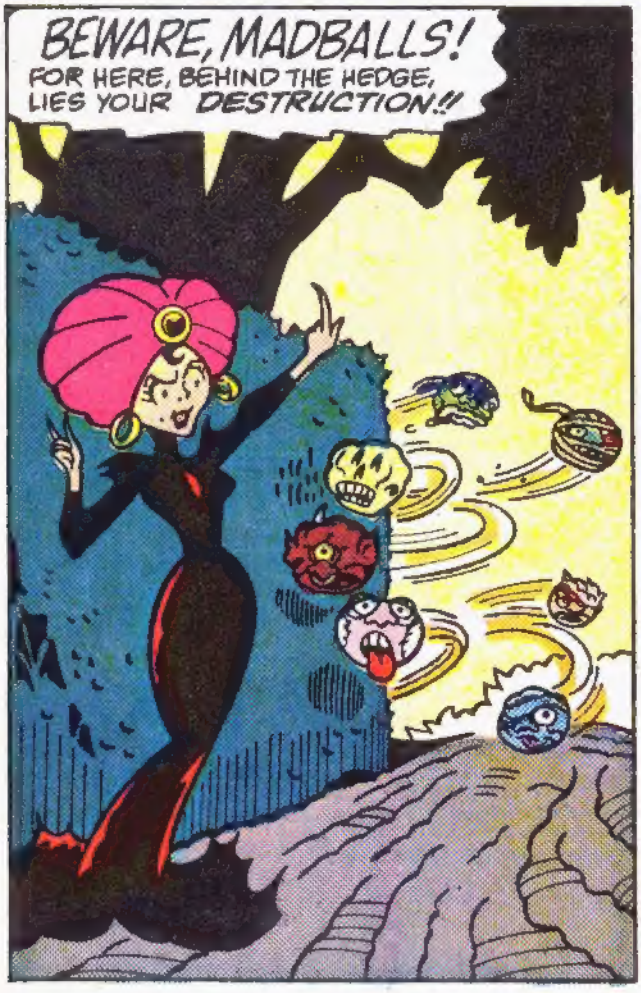

BUT COME--WE SHALL DISCUSS THE DEMISE OF THE MADBALLS--! WALK THIS WAY--!
IF I COULD WALK THAT WAY... I'D-- OUCH!!
SNIVELITCH! YOU SWINE!

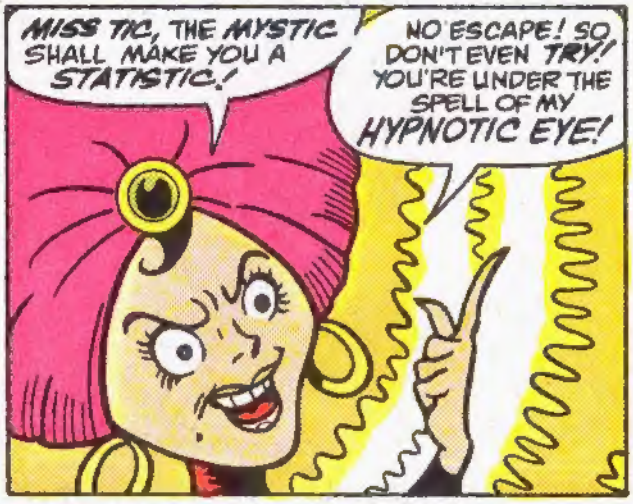

AND SPEAKING OF THE MADBALLS...
VROOM...
RR-REWW
SPUT SPUT
RUMRUHRR!
OKAY GANG!
WHEN I DROP THIS HANDERCHIEF, THE FIFTY YARD "MAD-BALDER-DASH" BEGINS! READY?

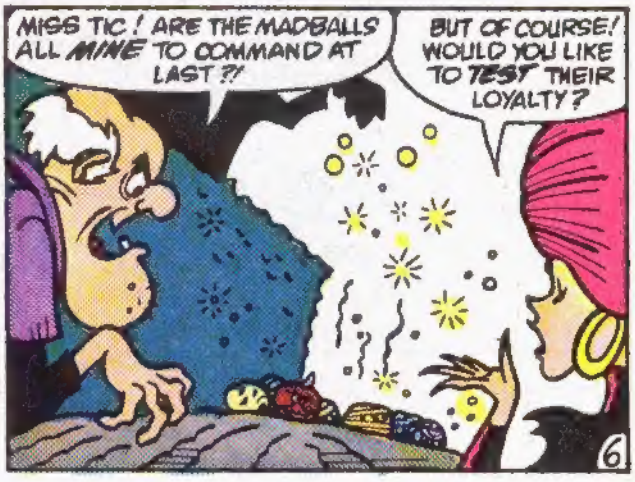
GO!!

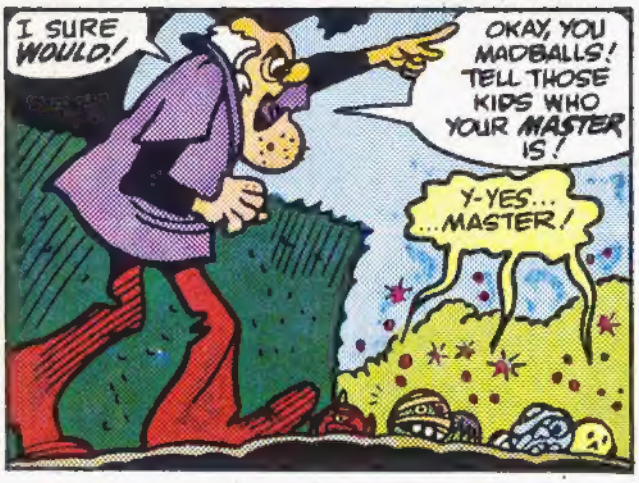

WOW! LOOK AT THEM FLY, CHIN!
THEY'RE HEADING INTO THE FIRST TURN BY THAT BIG FENCE!
C'MON CRACK HEAD!
ZWOOOSH!

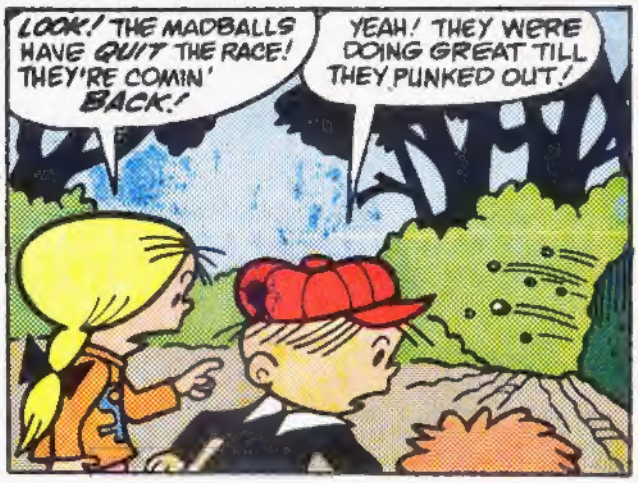

HEY, SLOBULUS! IF YOU'VE GOTTA DROOL, AT LEAST WAIT FOR A SPIT STOP!
SPLAT!
DUST BRAIN! YOUR WRAPPINGS ARE GETTING ALL TANGLED!
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M DOING AROUND TWENTY KNOTS!
I'M GOING TO BE THE FIRST ONE TO REACH THE BUSHES! DON'T HEDGE YOUR BETS!

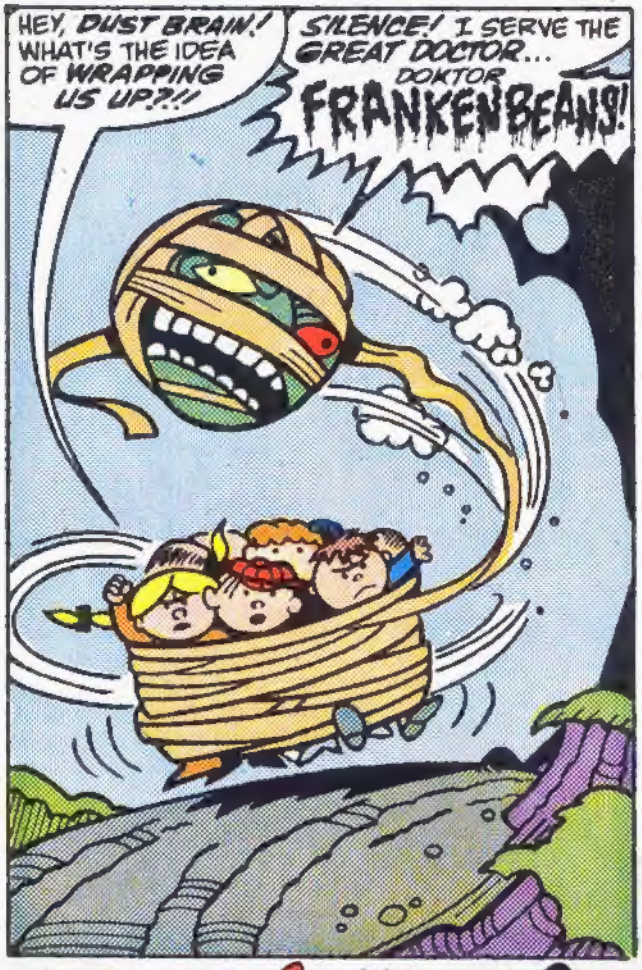

BEWARE, MADBALLS!
FOR HERE, BEHIND THE HEDGE, LIES YOUR DESTRUCTION!!

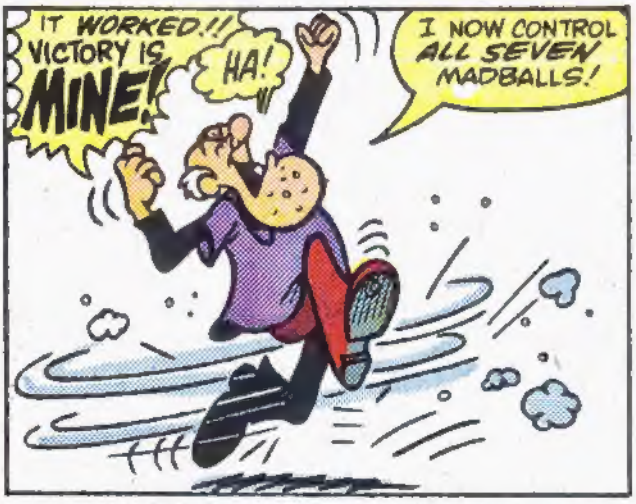

MISS TIC, THE MYSTIC SHALL MAKE YOU A STATISTIC!
NO ESCAPE! SO DON'T EVEN TRY! YOU'RE UNDER THE SPELL OF MY HYPNOTIC EYE!


MISS TIC! ARE THE MADBALLS ALL MINE TO COMMAND AT LAST?!
BUT OF COURSE! WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEST THEIR LOYALTY?


I SURE WOULD!
OKAY, YOU MADBALLS! TELL THOSE KIDS WHO YOUR MASTER IS!
Y-YES... ...MASTER!

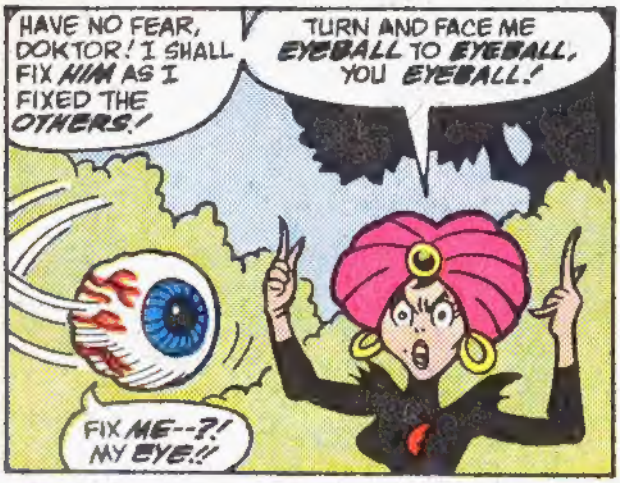

LOOK! THE MADBALLS HAVE QUIT THE RACE! THEY'RE COMIN' BACK!
YEAH! THEY WERE DOING GREAT TILL THEY PUNKED OUT!

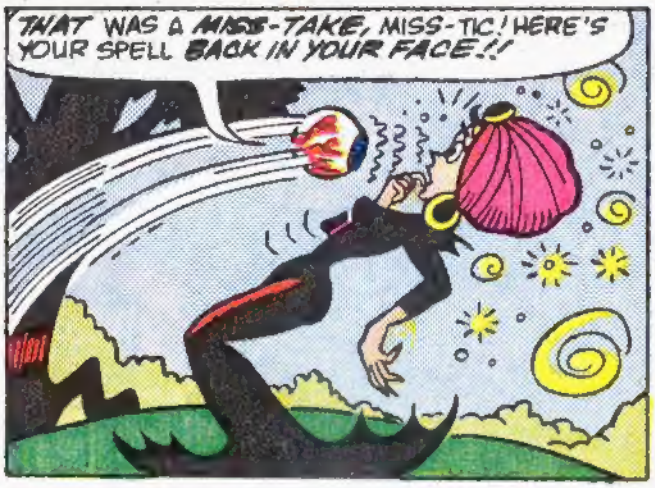

HEY, DUST BRAIN! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF WRAPPING US UP?!!
SILENCE! I SERVE THE GREAT DOCTOR... DOKTOR FRANKENBEANS!

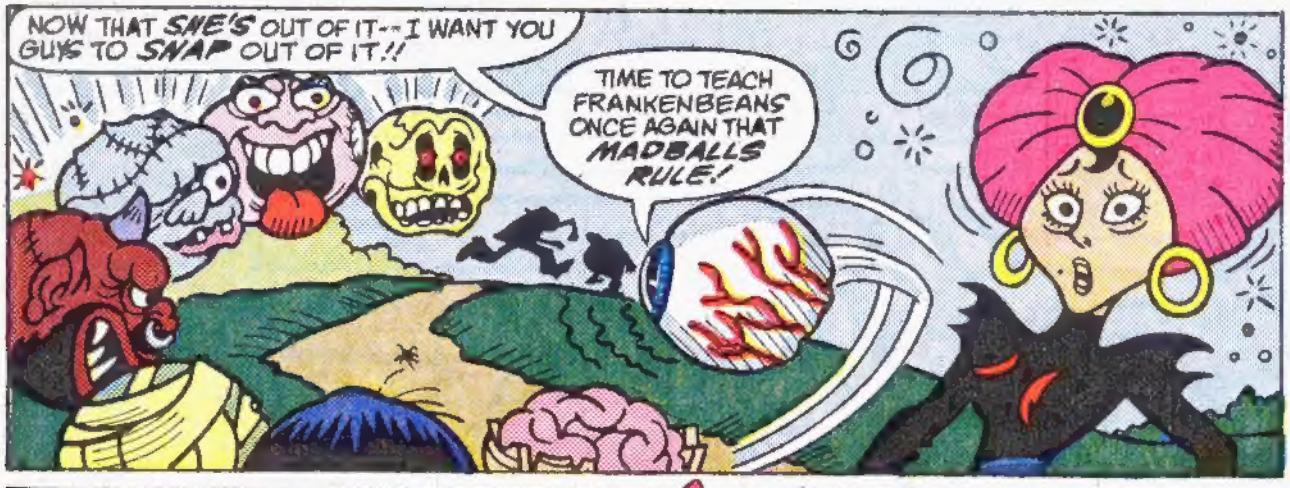

IT WORKED!! VICTORY IS MINE!
HA!
I NOW CONTROL ALL SEVEN MADBALLS!

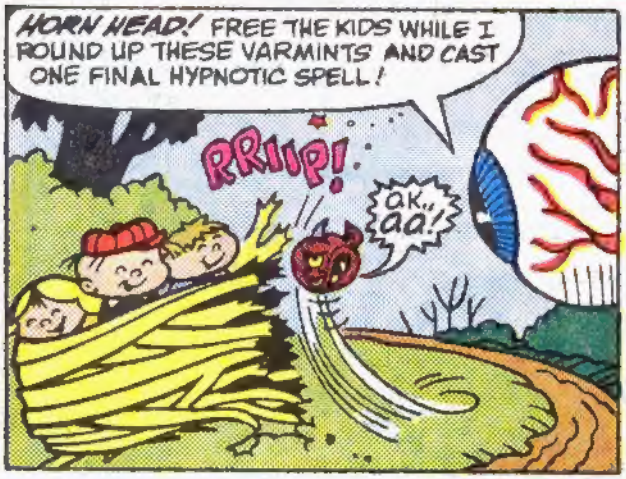
ALL SEVEN?! YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMEONE, DOCTOR-- BUT HE ISN'T FORGETTING YOU!!
WHAT--?! 1...2...3...4... EGAD! I'VE FORGOTTEN...
BLINK! BLINK!

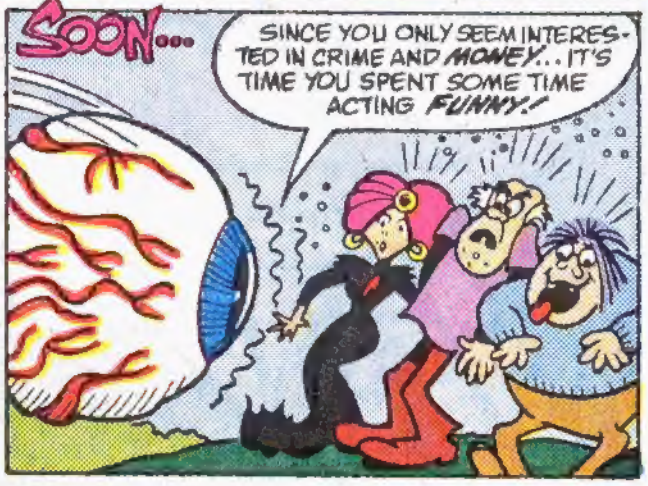
OCULUS ORBUS!
- IF YOU'RE UP TO NO GOOD, - IT WILL DO YOU NO GOOD! - KNOW THAT GOOD!
THAT'S RIGHT, TYRANNY-BREATH!
WHOOSH!

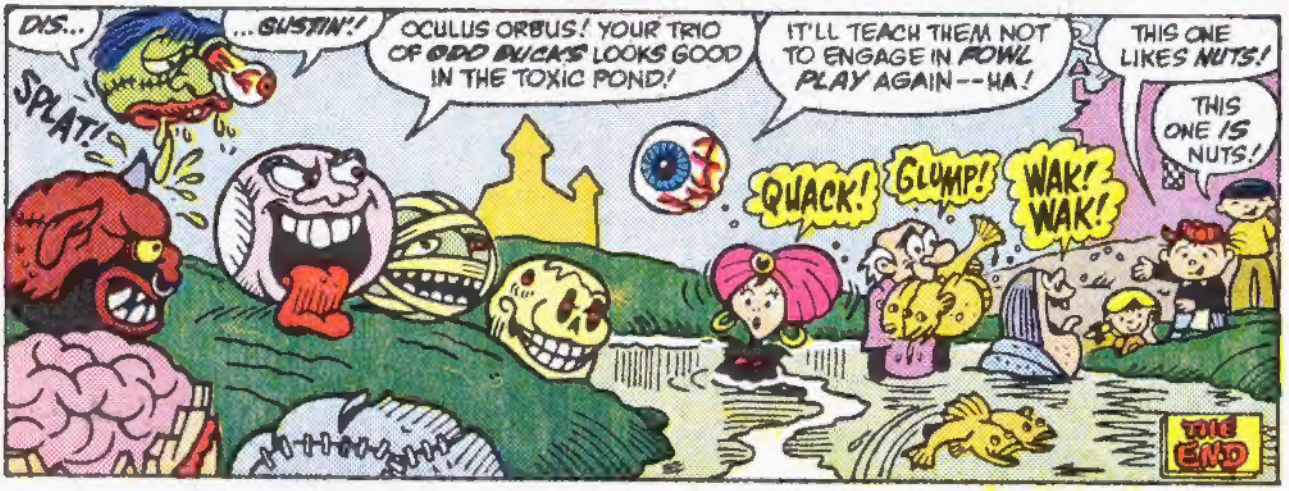

HAVE NO FEAR, DOKTOR! I SHALL FIX HIM AS I FIXED THE OTHERS!
TURN AND FACE ME EYEBALL TO EYEBALL, YOU EYEBALL!
FIX ME--?! MY EYE!!


THAT WAS A MASS-TAKE, MISS-TIC! HERE'S YOUR SPELL BACK IN YOUR FACE!!


NOW THAT SHE'S OUT OF IT--I WANT YOU GUYS TO SNAP OUT OF IT!!
TIME TO TEACH FRANKENBEANS ONCE AGAIN THAT MADBALLS RULE!


HORN HEAD! FREE THE KIDS WHILE I ROUND UP THESE VARMINTS AND CAST ONE FINAL HYPNOTIC SPELL!
RRIIP!
ak.. aa!


SOON...
SINCE YOU ONLY SEEM INTERESTED IN CRIME AND MONEY... IT'S TIME YOU SPENT SOME TIME ACTING FUNNY!


DIS...
...GUSTIN'!
SPLAT!
OCULUS ORBUS! YOUR TRIO OF ODD DUCKS LOOKS GOOD IN THE TOXIC POND!
IT'LL TEACH THEM NOT TO ENGAGE IN FOWL PLAY AGAIN--HA!
QUACK!
GLUMP!
WAK! WAK!
THIS ONE LIKES NUTS!
THIS ONE IS NUTS!
THE END

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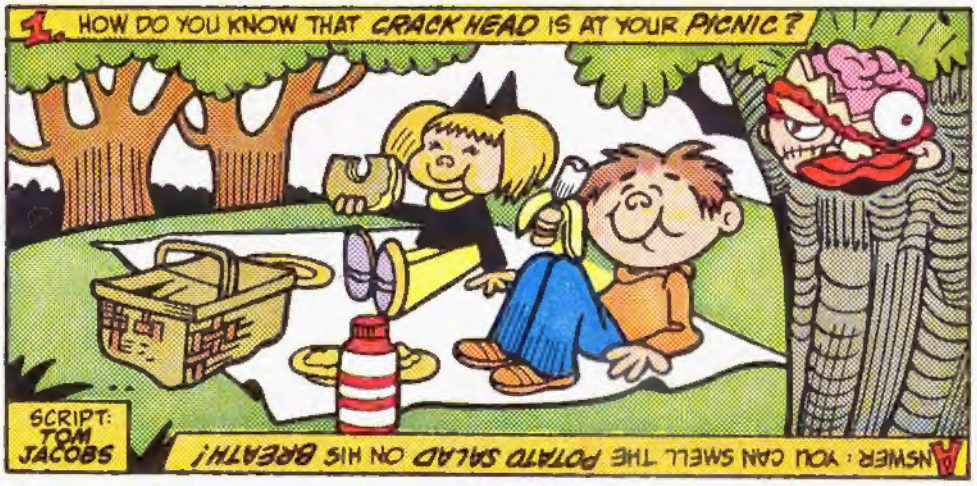
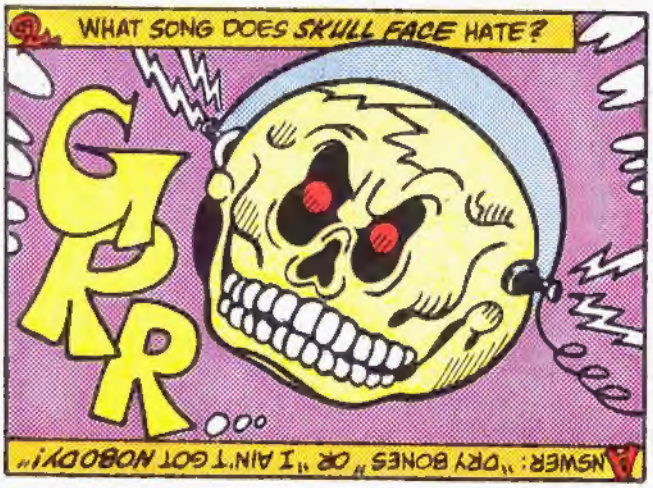
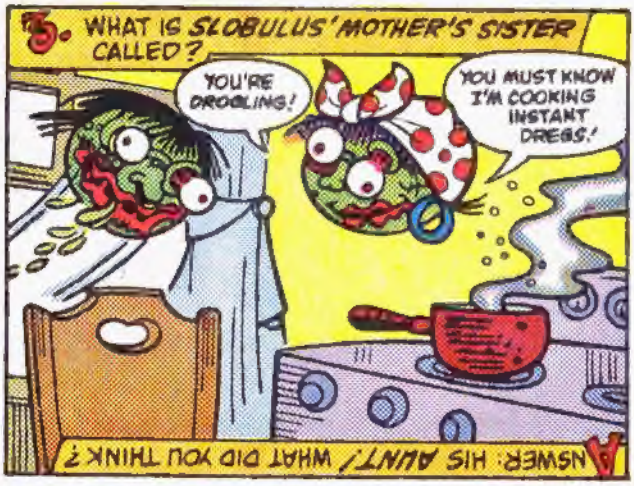
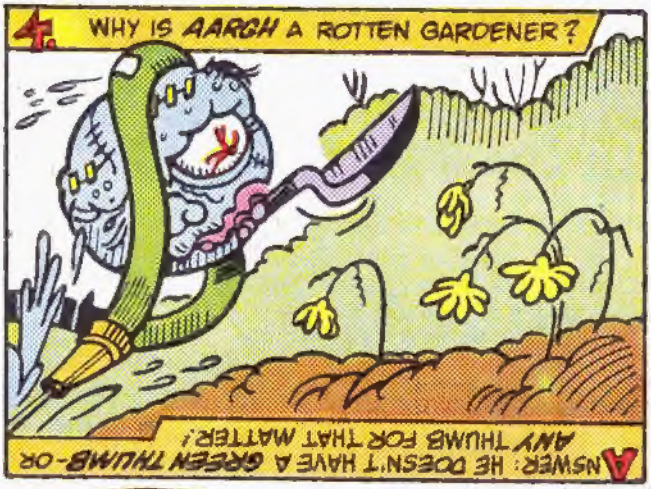
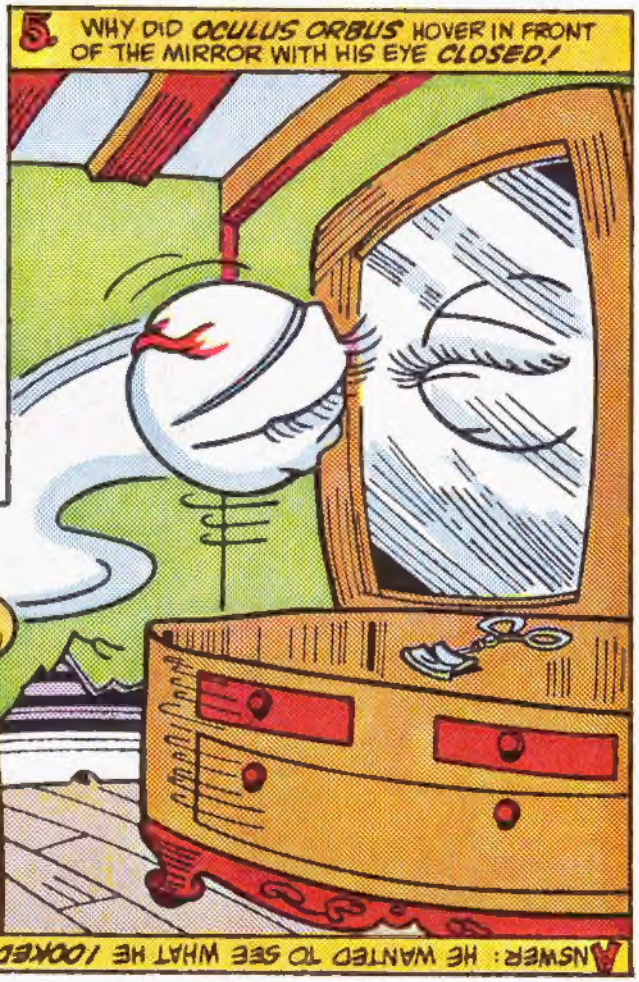
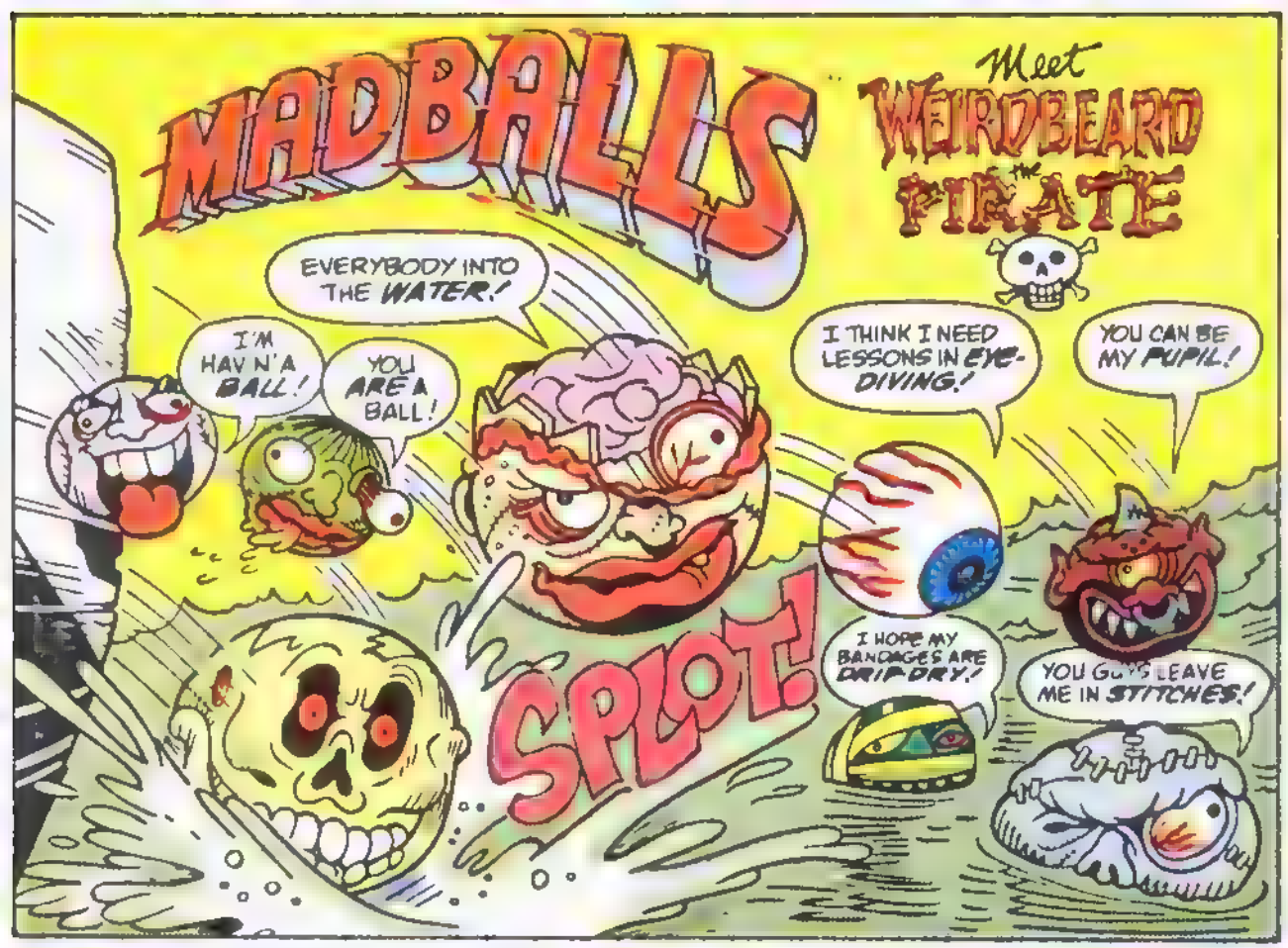


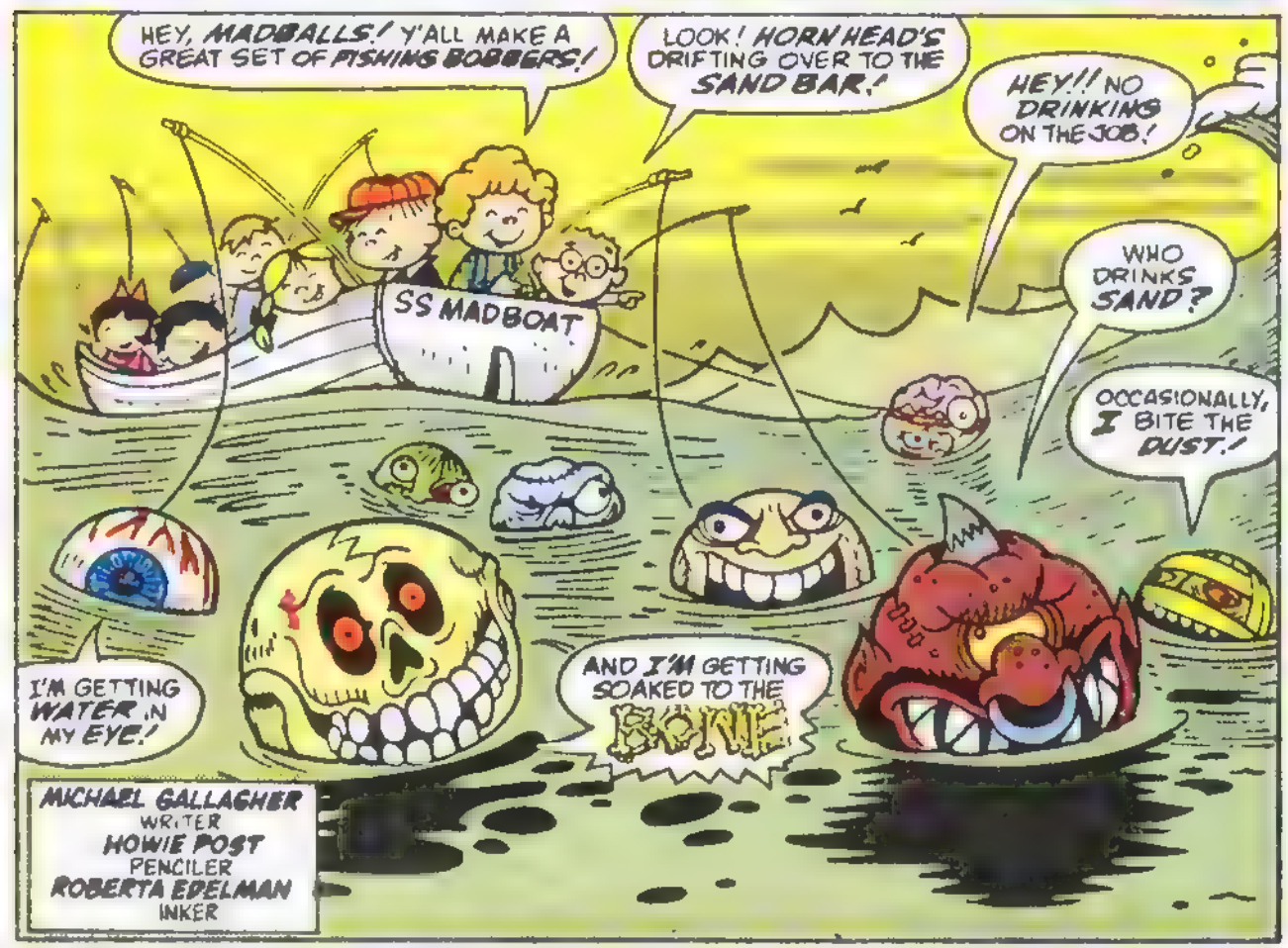


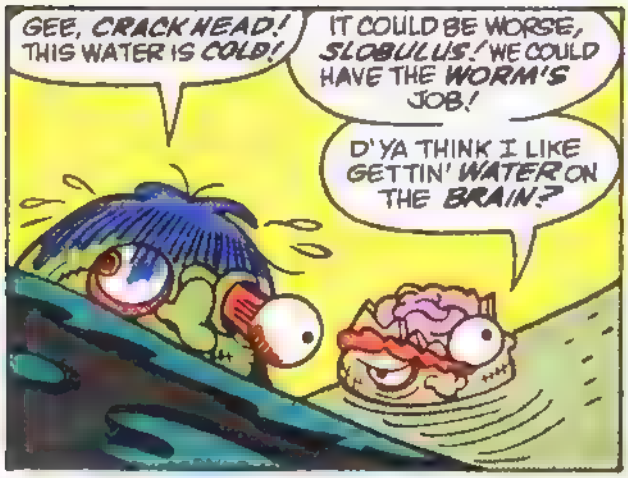


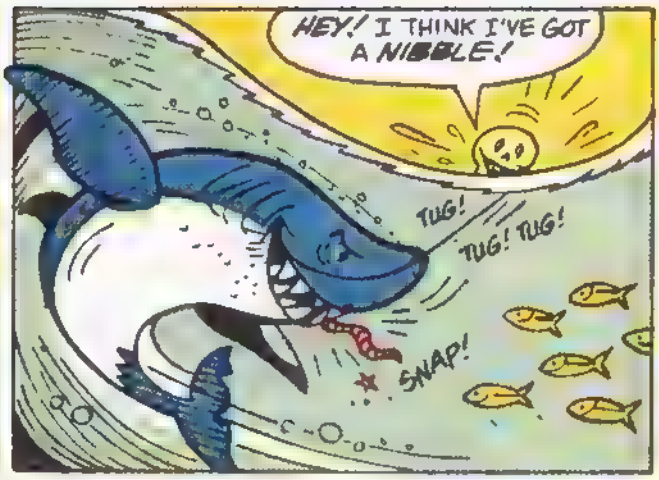


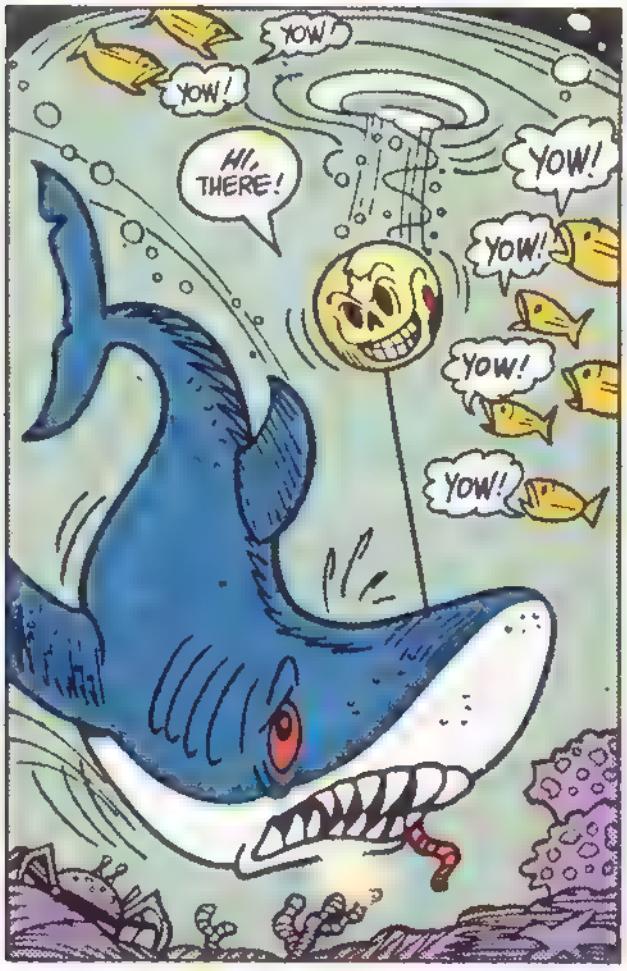


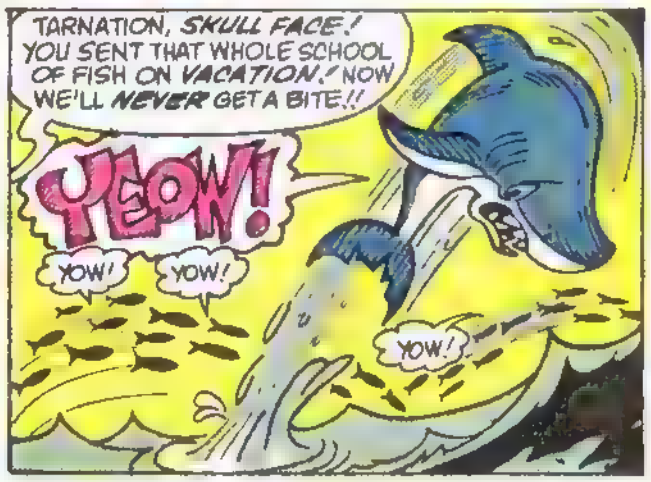

MADBALLS
Meet WEIRDBEARD THE PIRATE
EVERYBODY INTO THE WATER!
I'M HAV N'A BALL!
YOU ARE A BALL!
I THINK I NEED LESSONS IN EYE-DIVING!
YOU CAN BE MY PUPIL!
SPLOT!
I HOPE MY BANDAGES ARE DRIP-DRY!
YOU GUYS LEAVE ME IN STITCHES!

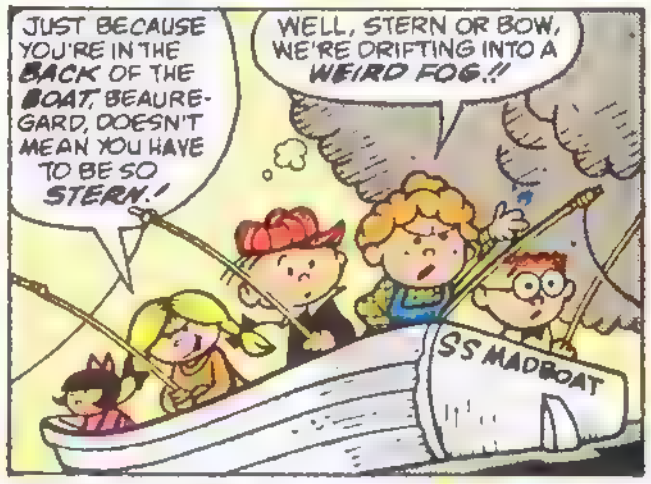

HEY, MADBALLS! Y'ALL MAKE A GREAT SET OF FISHING BOBBERS!
LOOK! HORNHEAD'S DRIFTING OVER TO THE SAND BAR!
HEY!! NO DRINKING ON THE JOB!
SS MADBOAT
WHO DRINKS SAND?
OCCASIONALLY, I BITE THE DUST!
I'M GETTING WATER IN MY EYE!
AND I'M GETTING SOAKED TO THE BONE!
MICHAEL GALLAGHER WRITER
HOWIE POST PENCILER
ROBERTA EDELMAN INKER

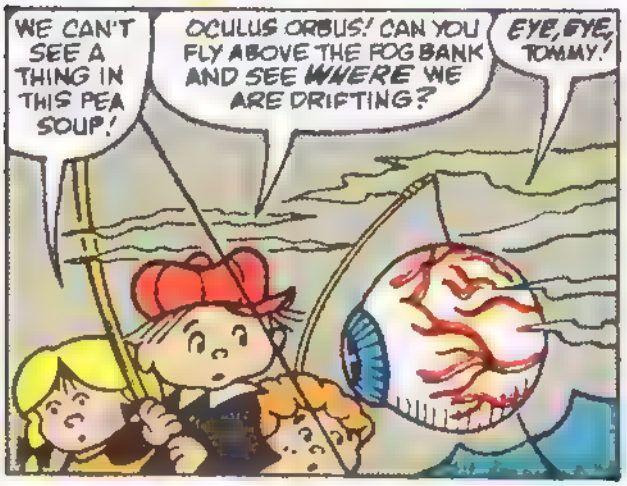

GEE, CRACKHEAD! THIS WATER IS COLD!
IT COULD BE WORSE, SLOBULUS! WE COULD HAVE THE WORM'S JOB!
D'YA THINK I LIKE GETTIN' WATER ON THE BRAIN?

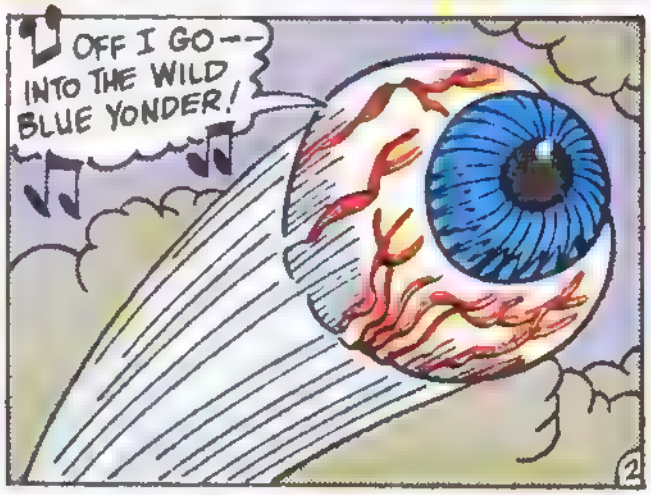

HEY! I THINK I'VE GOT A NIBBLE!
TUG!
TUG! TUG!
SNAP!

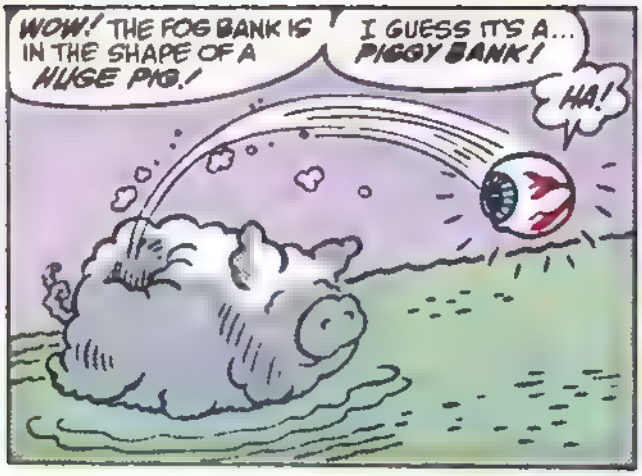

YOW!
YOW!
HI, THERE!
YOW!
YOW!
YOW!
YOW!

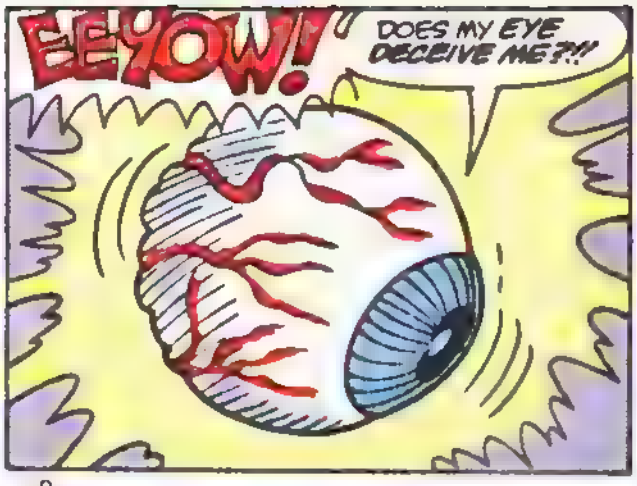

TARNATION, SKULL FACE! YOU SENT THAT WHOLE SCHOOL OF FISH ON VACATION! NOW WE'LL NEVER GET A BITE!!
YEOW!
YOW!
YOW!
YOW!

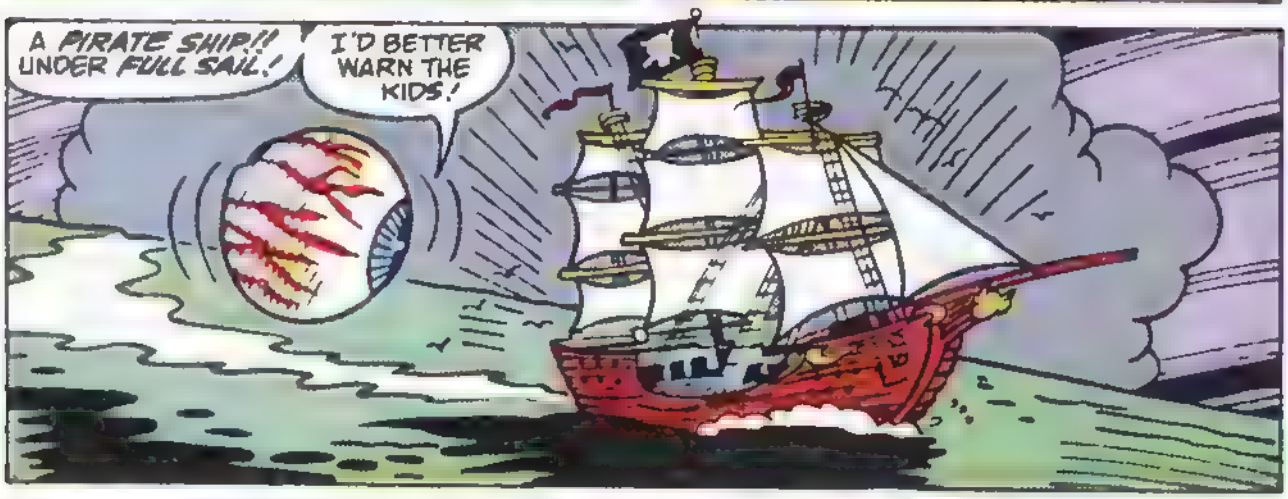

JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE IN THE BACK OF THE BOAT, BEAUREGARD, DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE SO STERN!
WELL, STERN OR BOW, WE'RE DRIFTING INTO A WEIRD FOG!!
SS MADBOAT

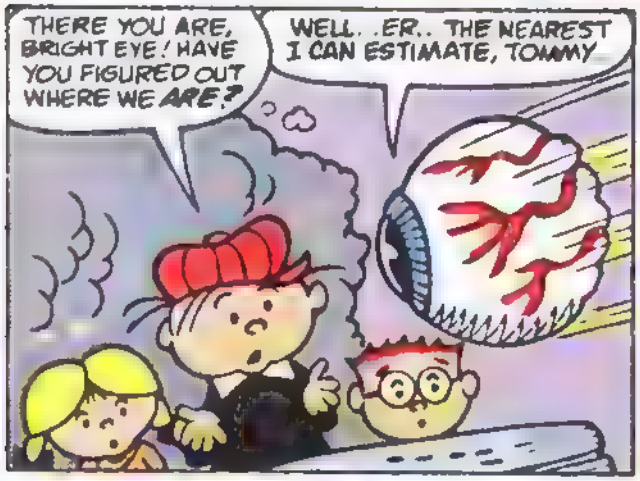

WE CAN'T SEE A THING IN THIS PEA SOUP!
OCULUS ORBUS! CAN YOU FLY ABOVE THE FOG BANK AND SEE WHERE WE ARE DRIFTING?
EYE, EYE, TOMMY!

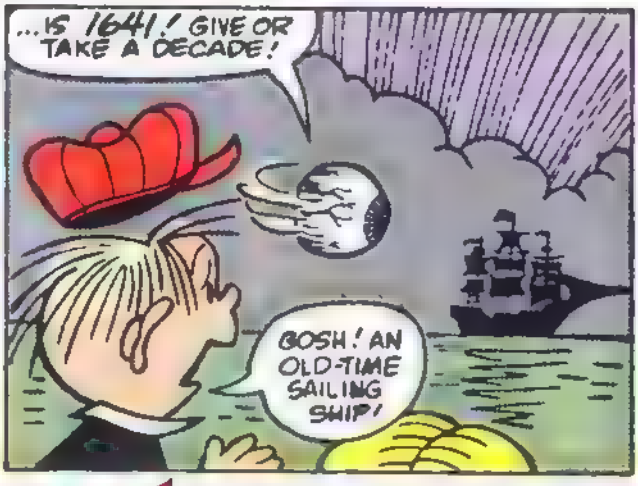

OFF I GO -- INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER!

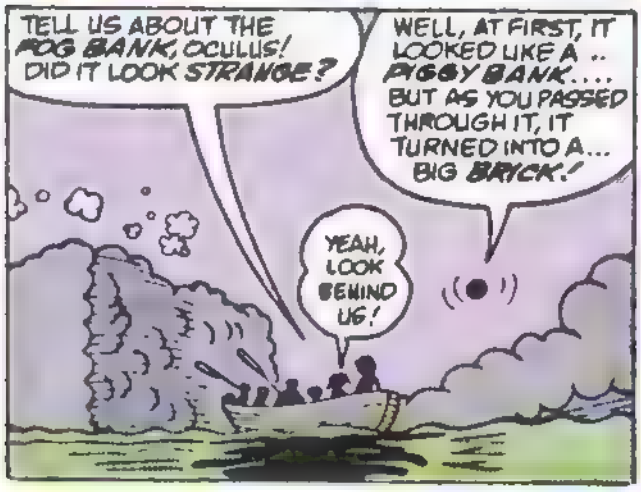

WOW! THE FOG BANK IS IN THE SHAPE OF A HUGE PIG!
I GUESS IT'S A... PIGGY BANK!
HA!

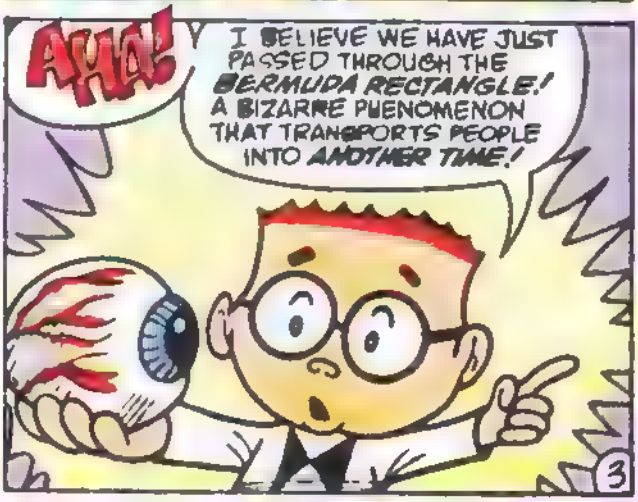

EEYOW!
DOES MY EYE DECEIVE ME?!!

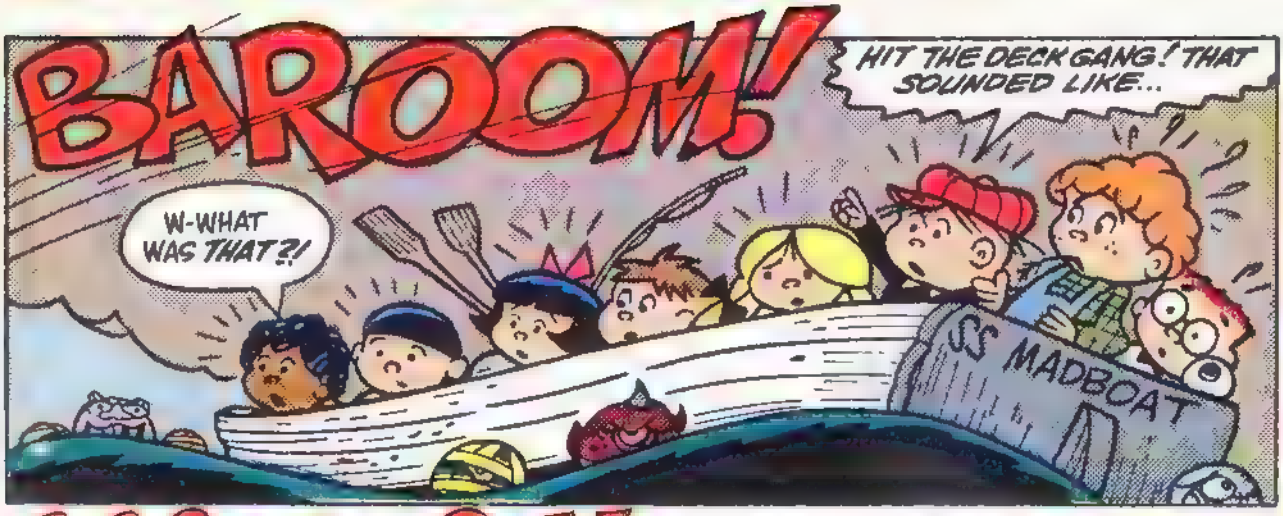

A PIRATE SHIP!! UNDER FULL SAIL!
I'D BETTER WARN THE KIDS!


THERE YOU ARE, BRIGHT EYE! HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT WHERE WE ARE?
WELL..ER.. THE NEAREST I CAN ESTIMATE, TOMMY


...IS 1641! GIVE OR TAKE A DECADE!
GOSH! AN OLD-TIME SAILING SHIP!

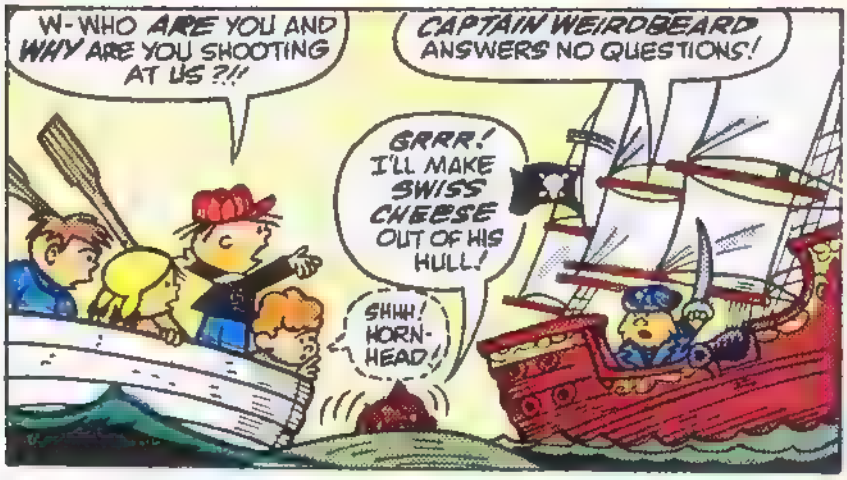

TELL US ABOUT THE FOG BANK, OCULUS! DID IT LOOK STRANGE?
WELL, AT FIRST, IT LOOKED LIKE A .. PIGGY BANK.... BUT AS YOU PASSED THROUGH IT, IT TURNED INTO A... BIG BRICK!
YEAH, LOOK BEHIND US!


AHA!
I BELIEVE WE HAVE JUST PASSED THROUGH THE BERMUDA RECTANGLE! A BIZARRE PHENOMENON THAT TRANSPORTS PEOPLE INTO ANOTHER TIME!

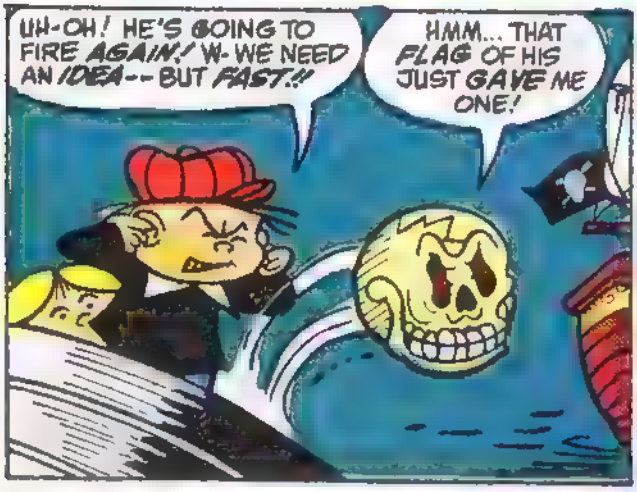

BAROOM!
HIT THE DECK GANG! THAT SOUNDED LIKE...
W-WHAT WAS THAT?!
SS MADBOAT

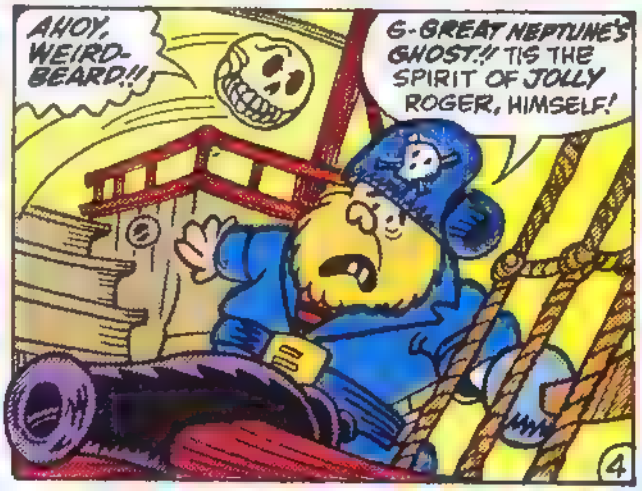
SSSPLOSH!
CANNON FIRE!

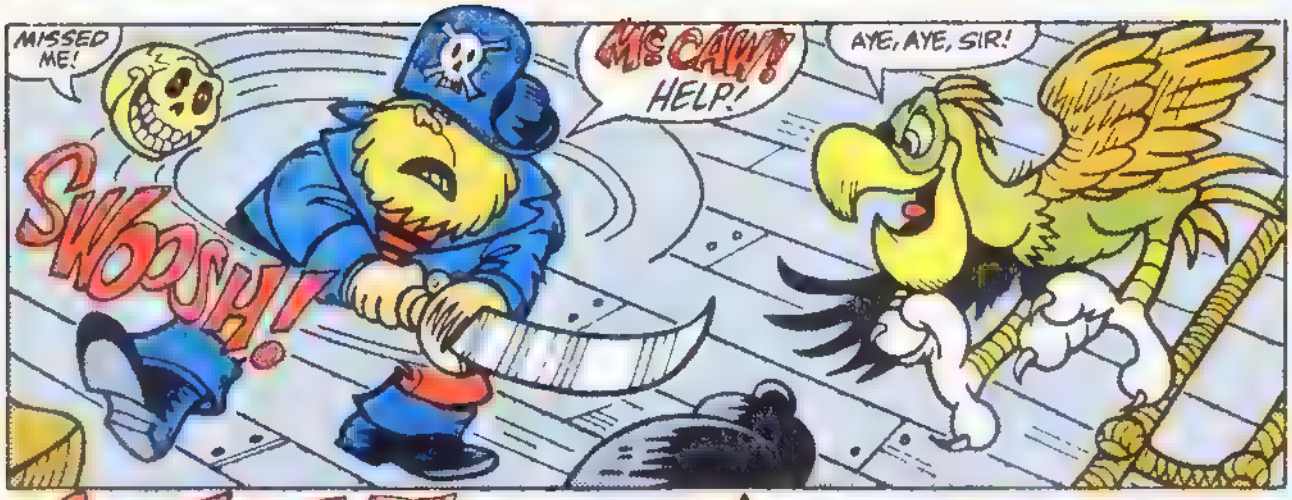
IT... IT'S A REAL P-P-P-P-PIRATE SHIP!
AVAST, THERE! SURRENDER, YE SCURVY SEA #!! DOGS!! #!! #
SS MADBOAT

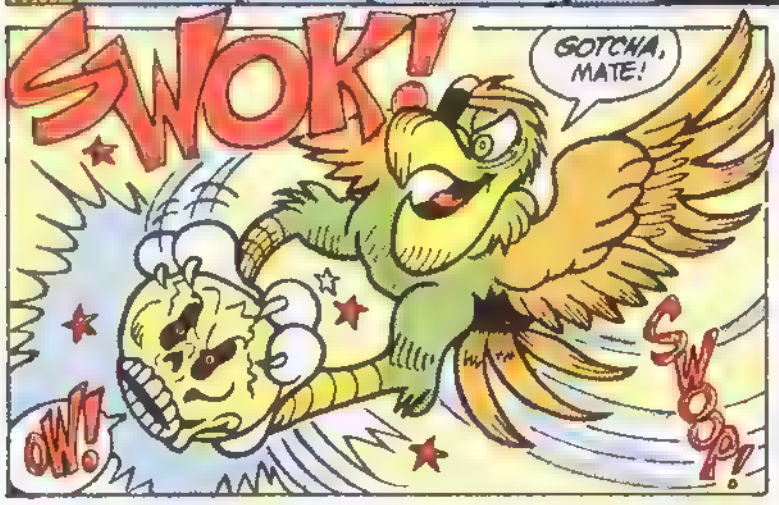

W-WHO ARE YOU AND WHY ARE YOU SHOOTING AT US?!!
CAPTAIN WEIRDBEARD ANSWERS NO QUESTIONS!
GRRR! I'LL MAKE SWISS CHEESE OUT OF HIS HULL!
SHHH! HORN-HEAD!

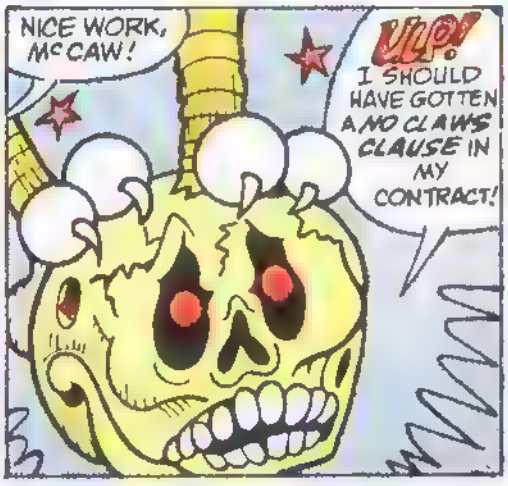
NOW, PREPARE TO TASTE THE BRINY DEEP!
HA!
THIS TIME I WON'T MISS!


UH-OH! HE'S GOING TO FIRE AGAIN! W-WE NEED AN IDEA-- BUT FAST!!
HMM... THAT FLAG OF HIS JUST GAVE ME ONE!

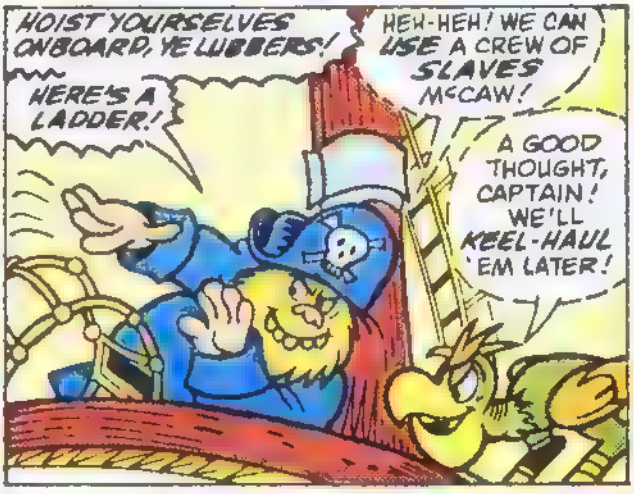

AHOY, WEIRD-BEARD!!
G-GREAT NEPTUNE'S GHOST!! TIS THE SPIRIT OF JOLLY ROGER, HIMSELF!

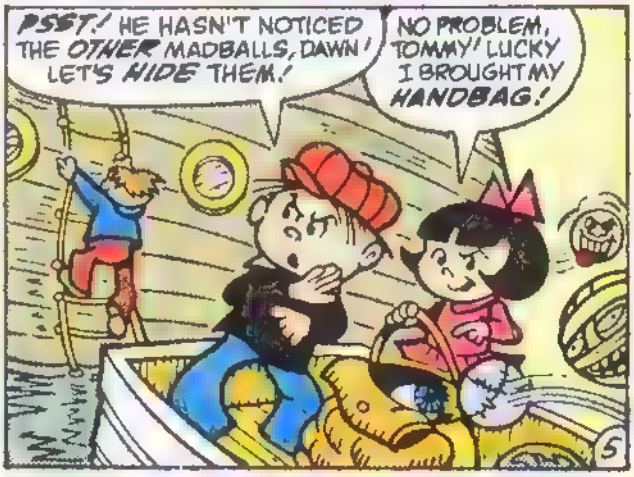

MISSED ME!
SWOOSH!
McCAW! HELP!
AYE, AYE, SIR!


SWOK!
GOTCHA, MATE!
OW!
SWOOP!


NICE WORK, McCAW!
YIKES! I SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN A NO CLAWS CLAUSE IN MY CONTRACT!

SHALL I CARVE, McCAW?
AYE, CAPTAIN! I'D PREFER A CHOCOLATE-CHIP-COOKIE, BUT I'LL TAKE A WING!
NO!
WAIT!! PLEASE DON'T!
WE SURRENDER!!


HOIST YOURSELVES ONBOARD, YE LUBBERS!
HERE'S A LADDER!
HEH-HEH! WE CAN USE A CREW OF SLAVES McCAW!
A GOOD THOUGHT, CAPTAIN! WE'LL KEEL-HAUL 'EM LATER!


PSST! HE HASN'T NOTICED THE OTHER MADBALLS, DAWN! LET'S HIDE THEM!
NO PROBLEM, TOMMY! LUCKY I BROUGHT MY HANDBAG!

A MOTLEY CREW, IF I EVER SAW ONE! A FEW MONTHS' HARD LABOR IN THE HOT SUN WILL CURE THAT!
EH, McCAW?
AYE, SIR!
SHH!
HEY! MOVE OVER!
OUCH!
WATCH THAT HORN HEAD!
WHACK!

YOU'LL WORK TILL YOU DROPS! AND THEN YOU'LL WORK SOME MORE!
IF YOU COMPLAINS, I'LL FEED YOU TO THE SHARKS!

YOU SEA SLUGS WILL SLAVE FOR ME UNTIL AT LAST...
...I HOLD THE GREAT TREASURE IN ME HANDS!

NOW PUT YOUR BACKS INTO IT AND SWAB THOSE DECKS WHILST I TELL YOU THE TALE OF THE PRETTIEST PIRATE OF ALL!
...PEG LEG PEG!
HE'S MEAN!
BUT HE'S CLEAN!

"PEG'S BEAUTY WAS MATCHED ONLY BY THE BOOTY IN HER TREASURE CHEST...

"SHE RAN AGROUND ON THE ROCKS OFF THE INDIA INCAS, BUT PEG SURVIVED THE CRASH AND BROUGHT THE TREASURE CHEST ASHORE!

"TIS SAID SHE BURIED THE BOOTY ALONG THE BANK OF THE BLACK RIVER THAT RUNS THROUGH THE ISLAND!"
THAT'S HOW YOU KNOW THE ISLAND OF THE INDIA INCAS! THE BLACK WATER OF THE RIVER MIXES WITH THE BLUE OCEAN! YOU'LL GET ME TO THAT TREASURE OR ELSE! HEH!
POP
THE HECK WE WILL, MADBALLS! THIS CALLS FOR ACTION!
YEAH!
SUDDENLY.
RESIGN, WEIRDBEARD! THIS IS A MADBALL MUTINY!
EGAD! MORE SPHERES OF SORCERY!
SNAP OUT OF IT, SKULL-FACE!
AND FIND THAT BIRD!
NOT IF I FIND YOU FIRST!
WATCH IT!
HE'S GOT A NET!
FLOP!
GOT YOU!
HEY!
YOW!
ULP!
NICE WORK, McCAW!
SHORTLY..
THEY'RE ALL LOADED INTO THE CANNON, CAP'N.
READY... AIM...
NO! CAPTAIN! THEY'RE MAD-BALLS, NOT CANNONBALLS!
SILENCE!
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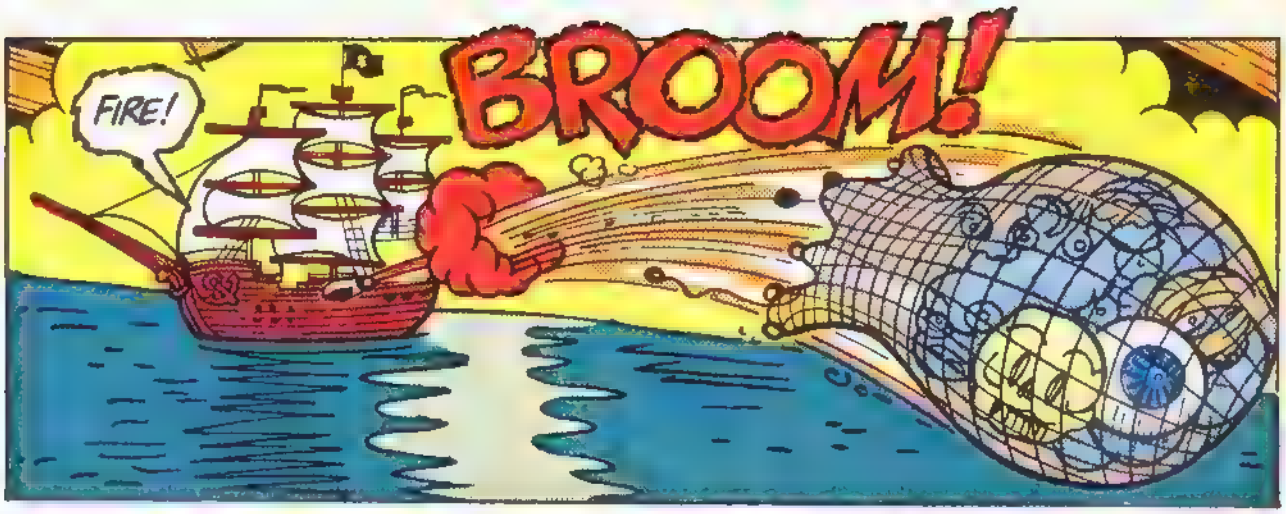
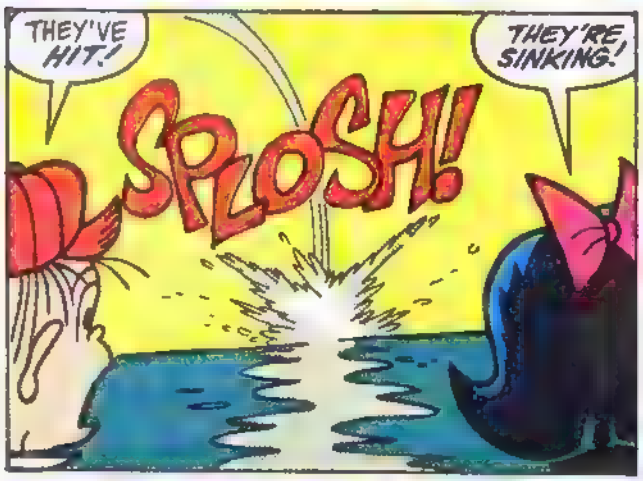
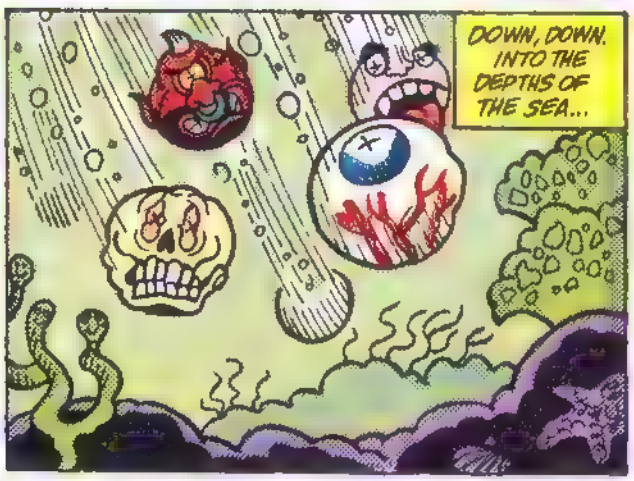
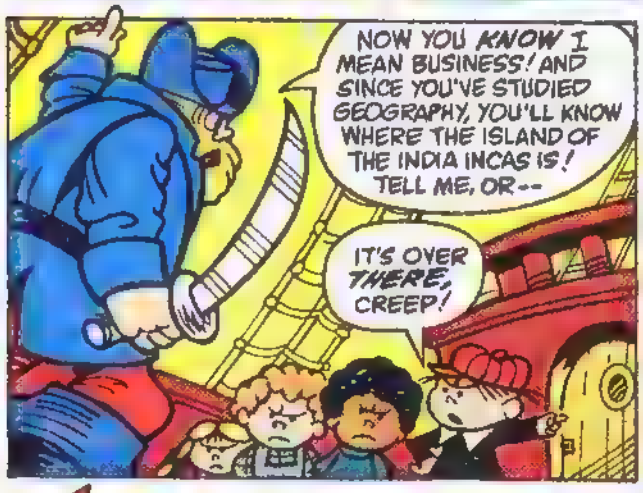
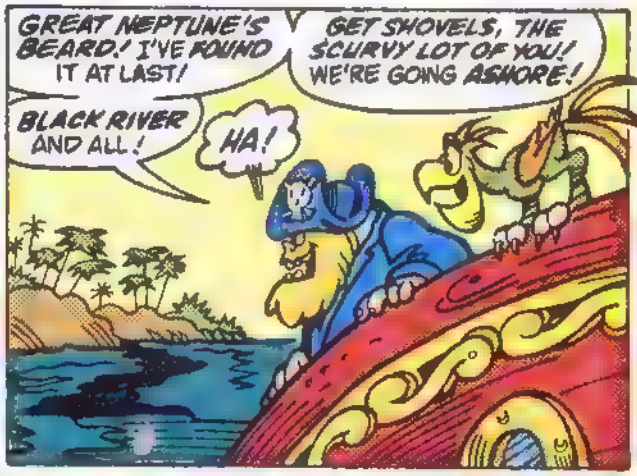
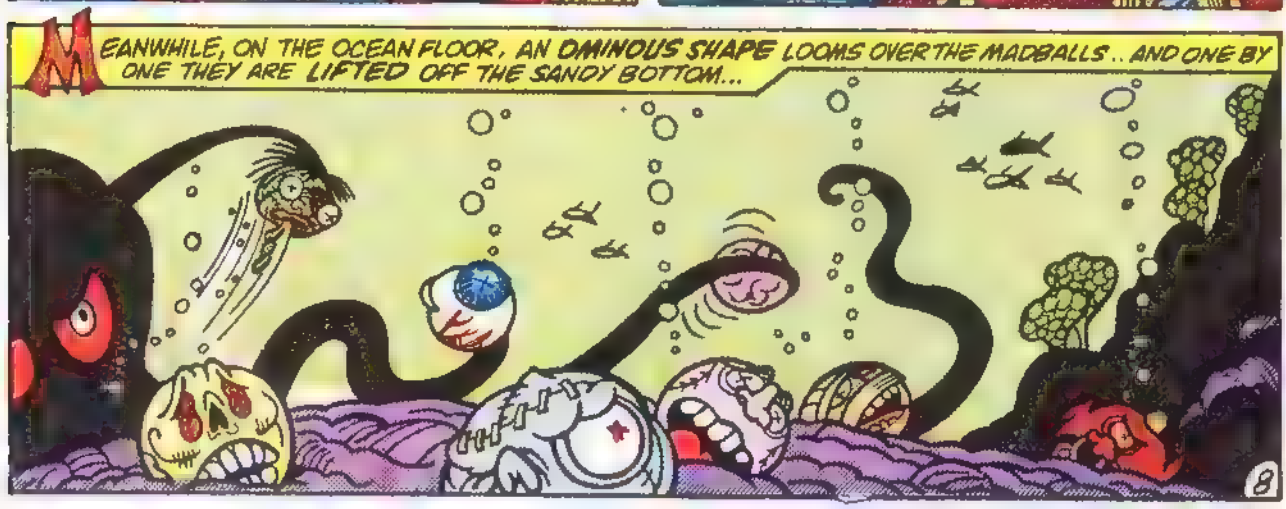

FIRE!
BROOM!


THEY'VE HIT!
SPLOSH!
THEY'RE SINKING!


DOWN, DOWN, INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA...


NOW YOU KNOW I MEAN BUSINESS! AND SINCE YOU'VE STUDIED GEOGRAPHY, YOU'LL KNOW WHERE THE ISLAND OF THE INDIA INCAS IS! TELL ME, OR--
IT'S OVER THERE, CREEP!


GREAT NEPTUNE'S BEARD! I'VE FOUND IT AT LAST!
GET SHOVELS, THE SCURVY LOT OF YOU! WE'RE GOING ASHORE!
BLACK RIVER AND ALL!
HA!


MEANWHILE, ON THE OCEAN FLOOR, AN OMINOUS SHAPE LOOMS OVER THE MADBALLS.. AND ONE BY ONE THEY ARE LIFTED OFF THE SANDY BOTTOM...

WOW! EIGHT NEW LITTLE FRIENDS! HI, GANG! I'M SNOCKTOPUS! GEE! THEY SURE LOOK LIKE THEY NEED THEIR BATTERIES CHARGED!

LUCKY FOR ME, MY GRANDDADDY WAS AN ELECTRIC EEL!

BZZZAP!

HUH? WHERE ARE WE?

SOMEPLACE DAMP!

YEAH! I REMEMBER THE PIRATE SHIP!

AND THE KIDS!

YIPES! AN OCTOPUS!

DID I HEAR SOMEONE SAY PIRATES? I LOVE TO PLAY PIRATES!

UH, YEAH, SURE, OCTOPUS WE WANNA PLAY PIRATES ON THE ISLAND OF THE INDIA INCAS!

I KNOW WHERE THAT IS! LET'S GO!

SMOOTH BRAIN-WORK, CRACKHEAD! NOW WE CAN CATCH UP TO THE KIDS...

...IF WE'RE NOT TOO LATE!

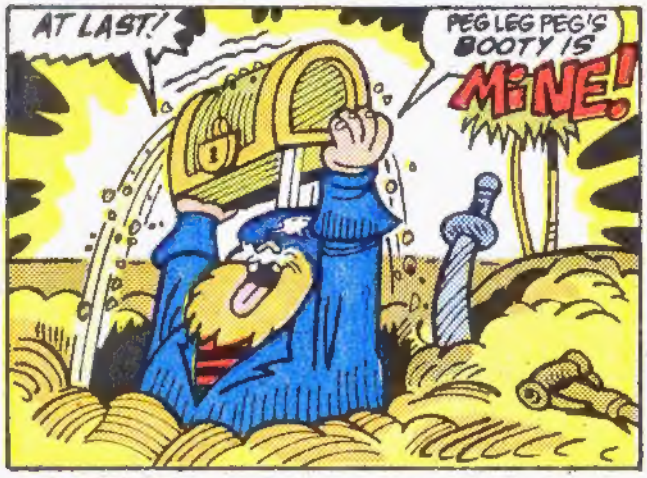
MEAN REALLY MEANWHILE

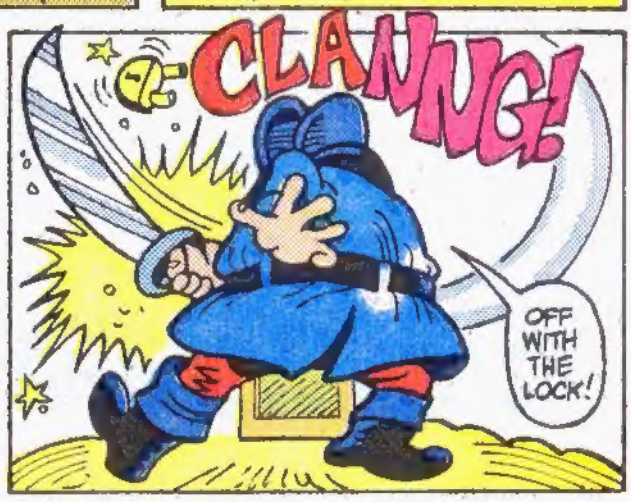
DIG, I SAY!

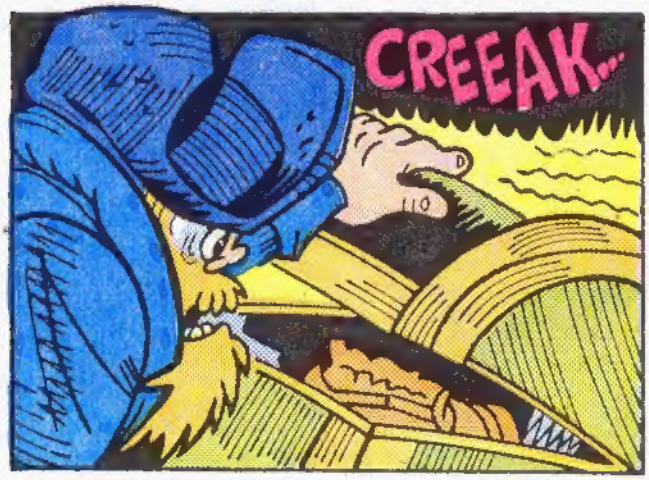
DIG, YOU SCURVY SWABS! THE TREASURE'S BURIED BY THIS RIVER BANK! I CAN FEEL IT IN MY BONES!

AND WHEN THE TREASURE IS MINE, I'LL LEAVE YOU ALL MAROONED! HA!
OH, HEAVENS NO! MAROON CLASHES WITH EVERYTHING I'M WEARING!
KLUNK!

I HEARD ME A KLUNK! STAND ASIDE! I'LL UNEARTH THIS TREASURE CHEST!
DIG DIG

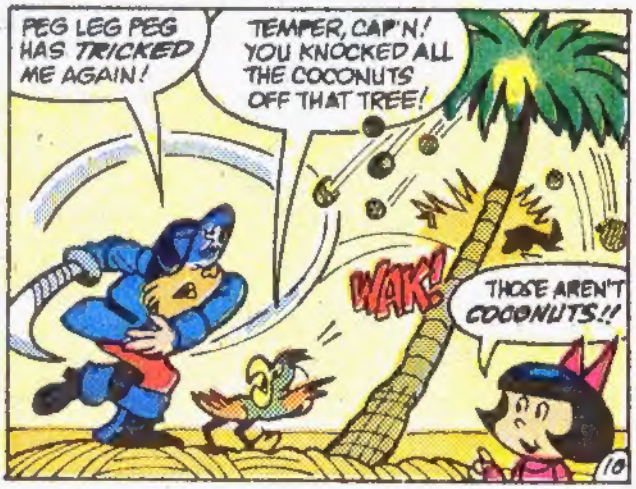

AT LAST!
PEG LEG PEG'S BOOTY IS MINE!

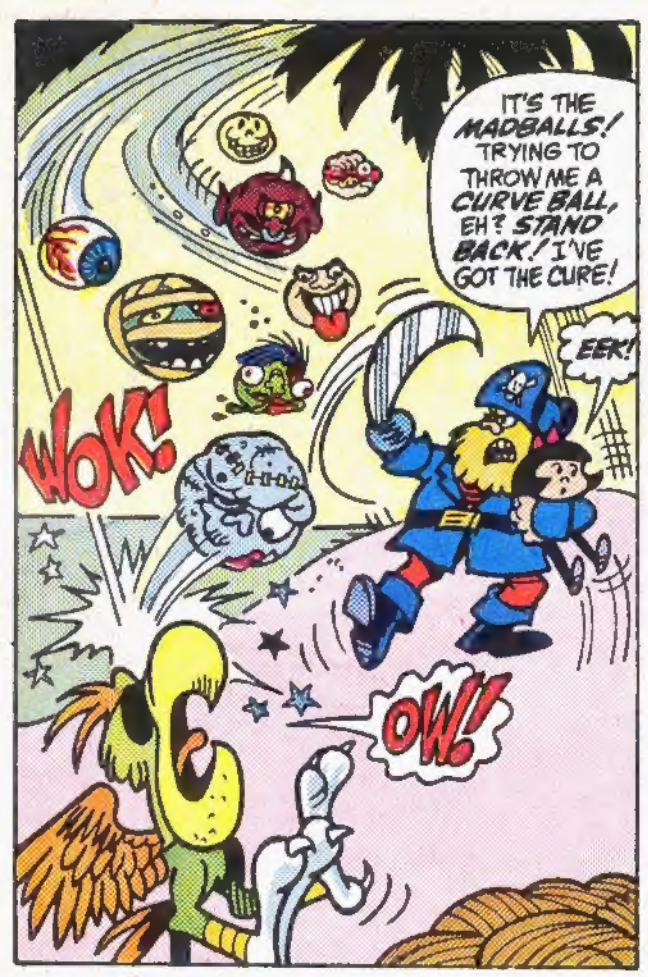

CLANNG!
OFF WITH THE LOCK!

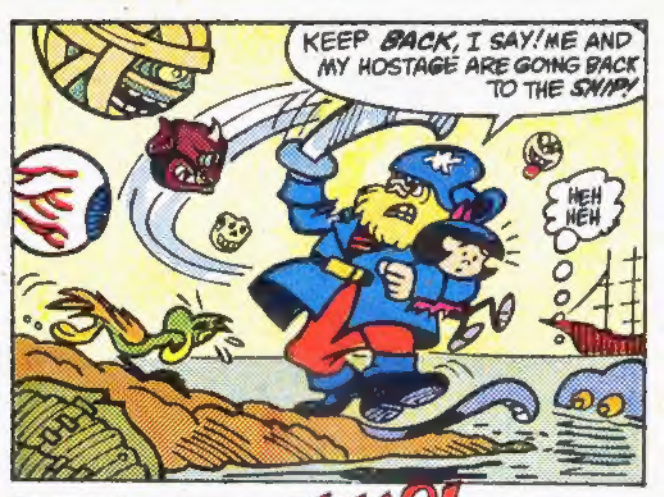

CREEAK...

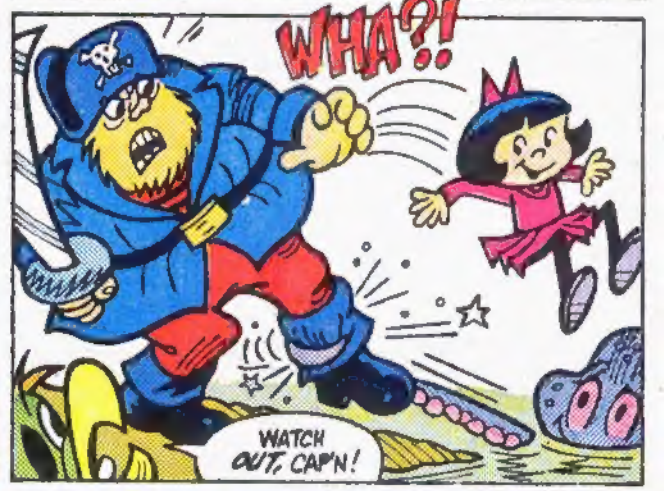
WHAT?!
A BOOT?! JUST A BOOT?!
WAIT! THERE'S A NOTE!

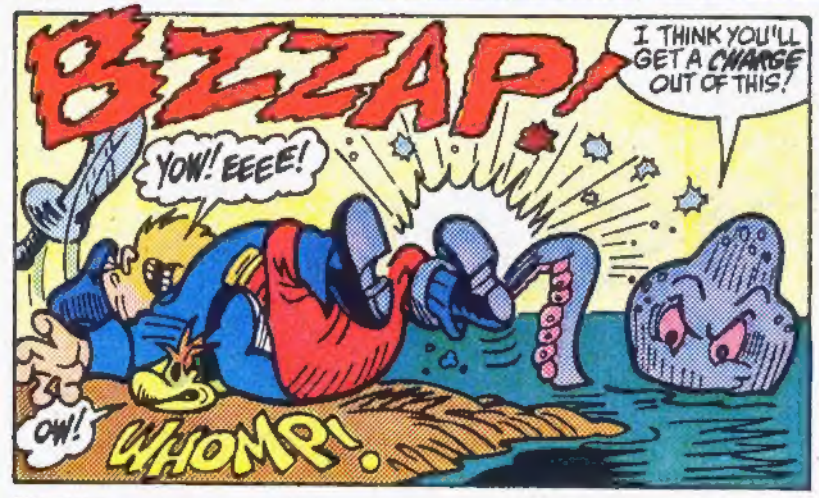
"THIS HERE IS MY BOOTY! I ONLY NEED ONE.' SIGNED PEG LEG PEG!"
HER BOOTY?! THIS IS HER BOOTY?


PEG LEG PEG HAS TRICKED ME AGAIN!
TEMPER, CAP'N! YOU KNOCKED ALL THE COCONUTS OFF THAT TREE!
WAK!
THOSE AREN'T COCONUTS!!

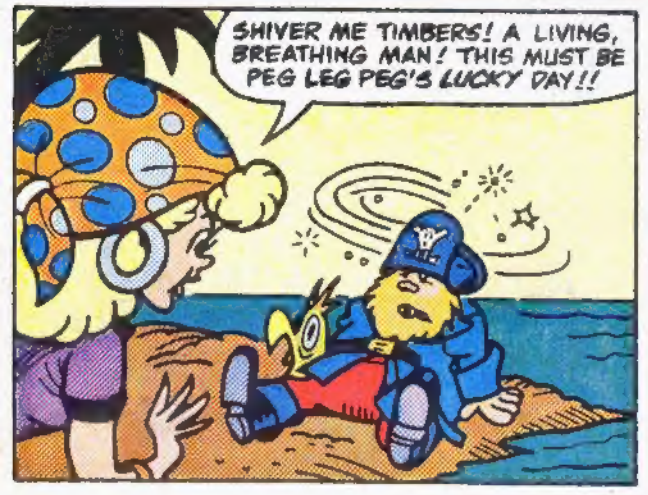

IT'S THE MADBALLS! TRYING TO THROW ME A CURVE BALL, EH? STAND BACK! I'VE GOT THE CURE!
EEK!
WOK!
OW!

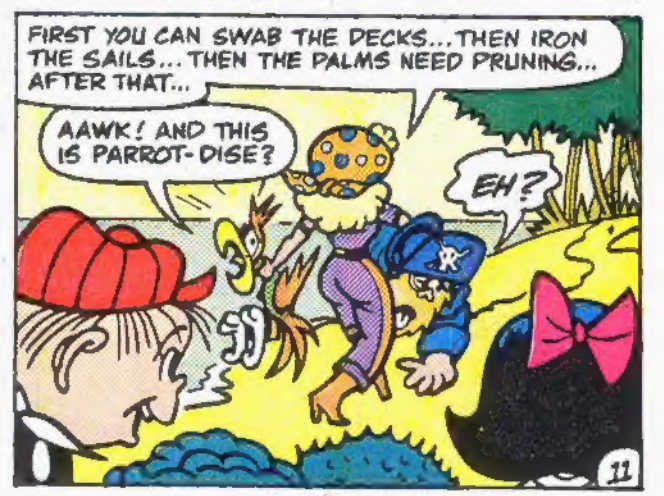

KEEP BACK, I SAY! ME AND MY HOSTAGE ARE GOING BACK TO THE SNIPY!
HEH HEH

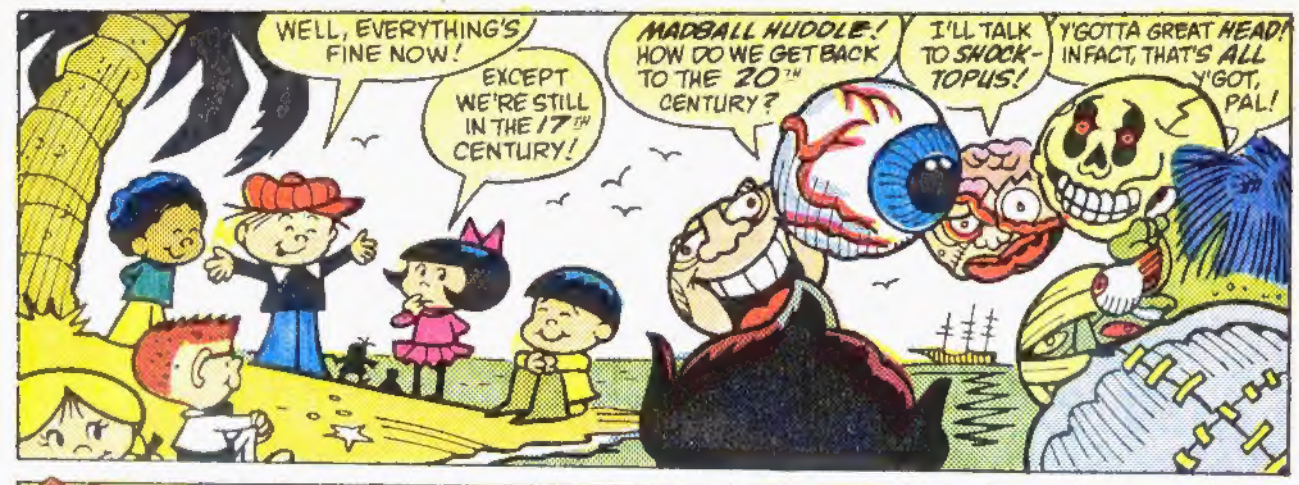

WHA?!
WATCH OUT, CAP'N!

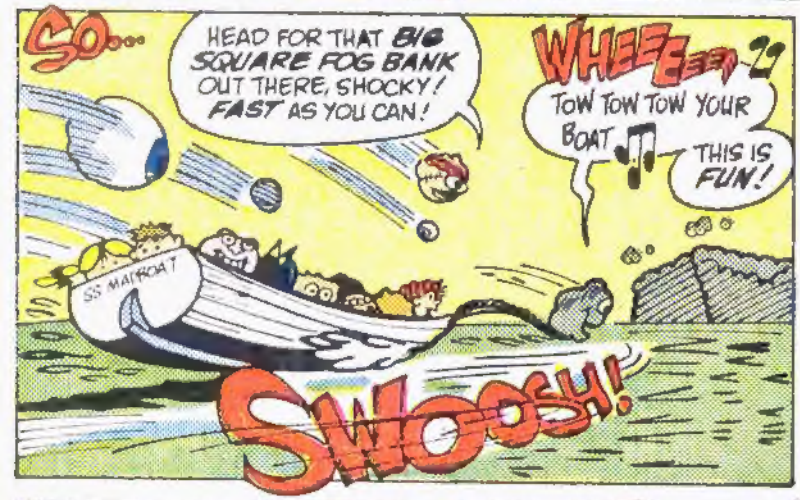

BZZAP!
I THINK YOU'LL GET A CHARGE OUT OF THIS!
YOW! EEEE!
OW!
WHOMP!

SUDDENLY... EMERGING FROM THE WOODS...
WHAT'S ALL THE RACKET AROUND HERE?!
LOOK!!
IT'S PEG LEG PEG!
RUN FOR IT, KIDS!

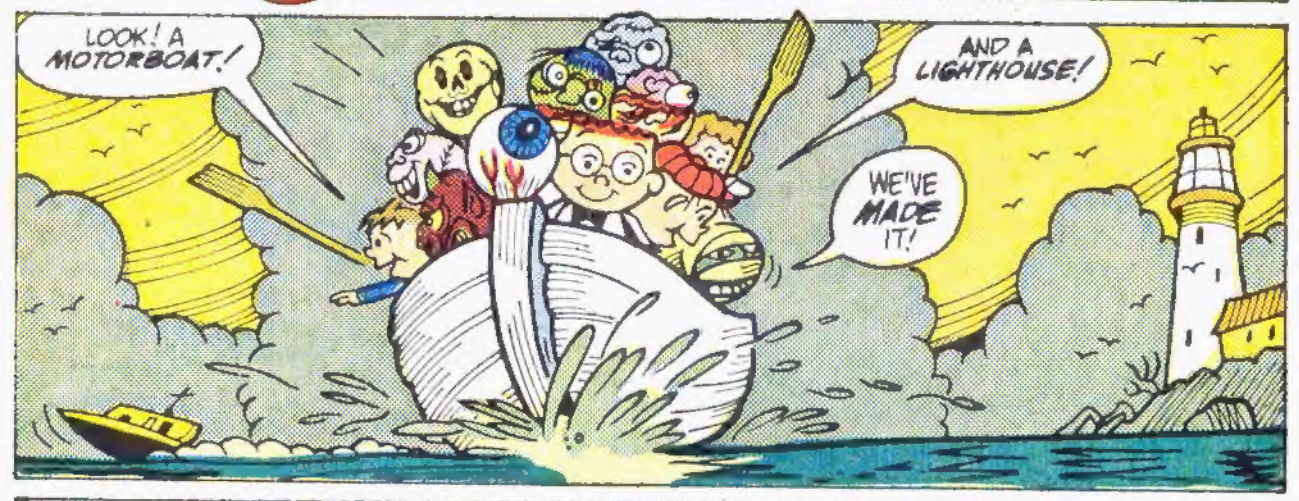

SHIVER ME TIMBERS! A LIVING, BREATHING MAN! THIS MUST BE PEG LEG PEG'S LUCKY DAY!!

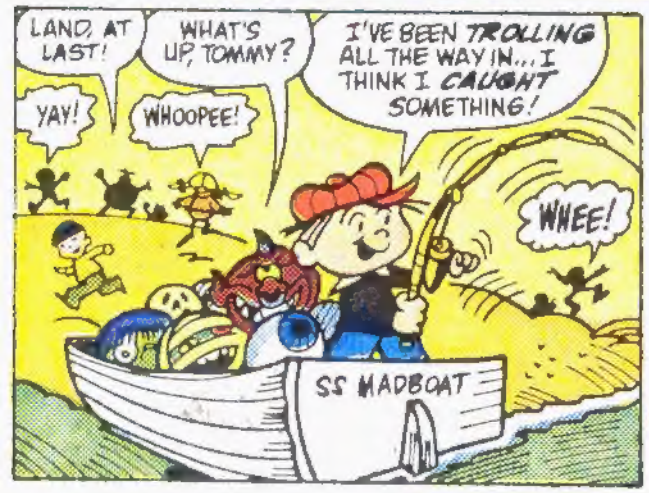

FIRST YOU CAN SWAB THE DECKS... THEN IRON THE SAILS... THEN THE PALMS NEED PRUNING... AFTER THAT...
AAWK! AND THIS IS PARROT-DISE?
EH?

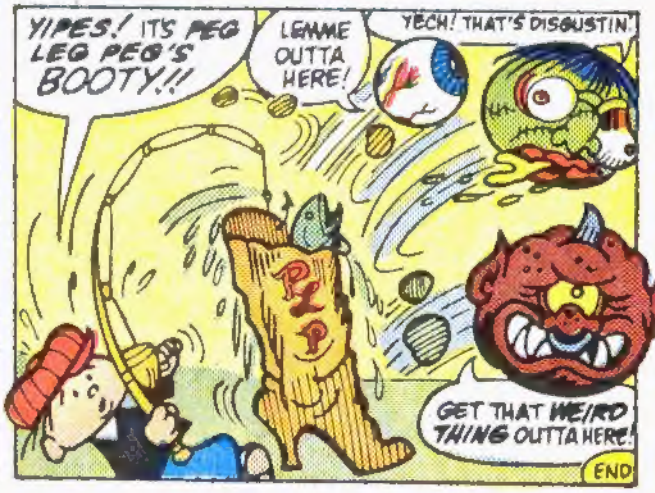

WELL, EVERYTHING'S FINE NOW!
EXCEPT WE'RE STILL IN THE 17TH CENTURY!
MADBALL HUDDLE! HOW DO WE GET BACK TO THE 20TH CENTURY?
I'LL TALK TO SHOCK-TOPUS!
Y'GOTTA GREAT HEAD! IN FACT, THAT'S ALL Y'GOT, PAL!


SO...
HEAD FOR THAT BIG SQUARE FOG BANK OUT THERE, SHOCKY! FAST AS YOU CAN!
WHEEEEE!
TOW TOW TOW YOUR BOAT
THIS IS FUN!
SS MADBOAT
SWOOSH!

THANKS A MILLION, SHOCKY! WE'LL BE MOVING ON... YOU'D BETTER GO BACK!
OKAY, CRACKHEAD! YOU MADBALLS HAVE BEEN A LOT OF FUN...
...BYE!
WOOMPH!


LOOK! A MOTORBOAT!
AND A LIGHTHOUSE!
WE'VE MADE IT!


LAND, AT LAST!
WHAT'S UP, TOMMY?
I'VE BEEN TROLLING ALL THE WAY IN... I THINK I CAUGHT SOMETHING!
YAY!
WHOOPEE!
WHEE!
SS MADBOAT


YIPES! IT'S PEG LEG PEG'S BOOTY!!
LEMME OUTTA HERE!
YECH! THAT'S DISGUSTIN'
GET THAT WEIRD THING OUTTA HERE!
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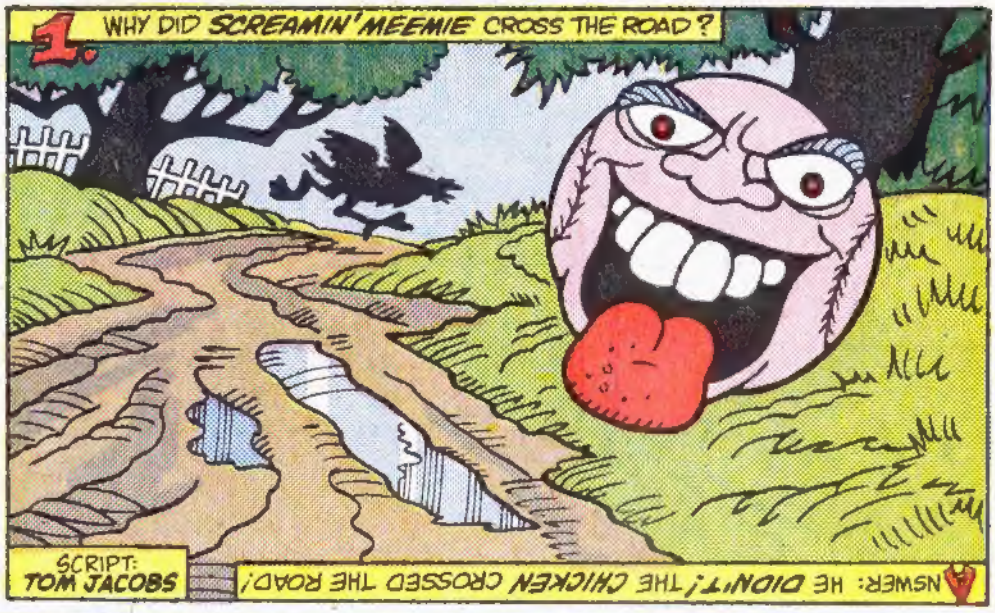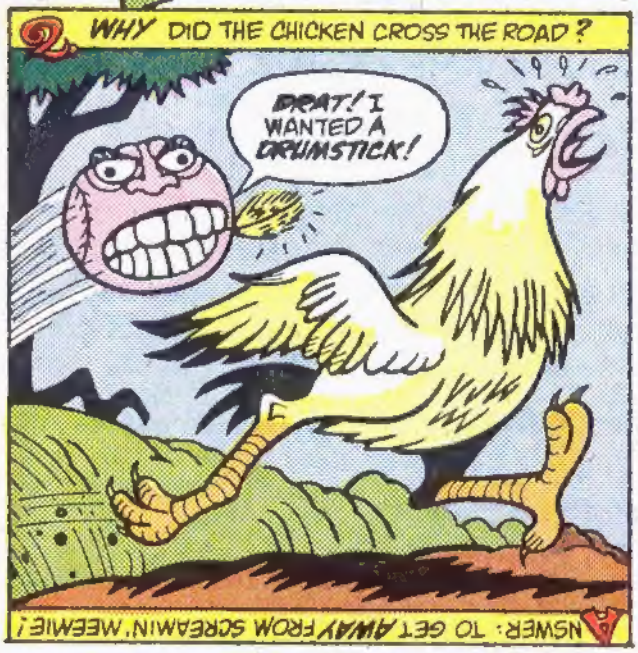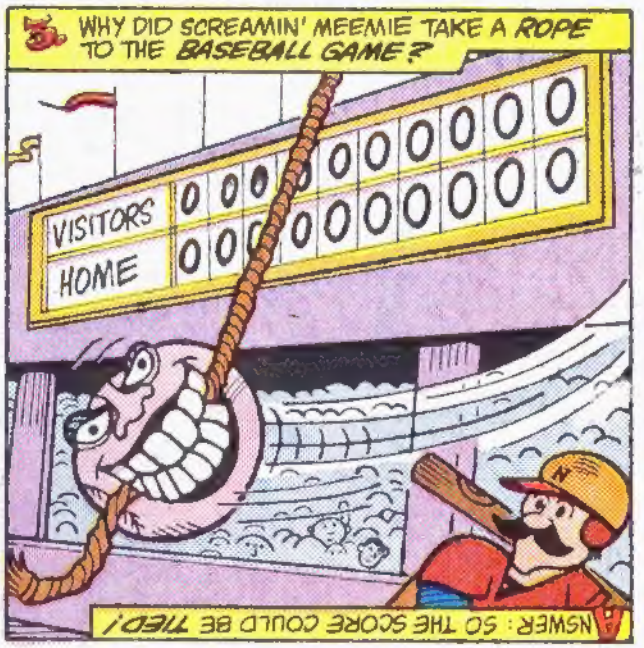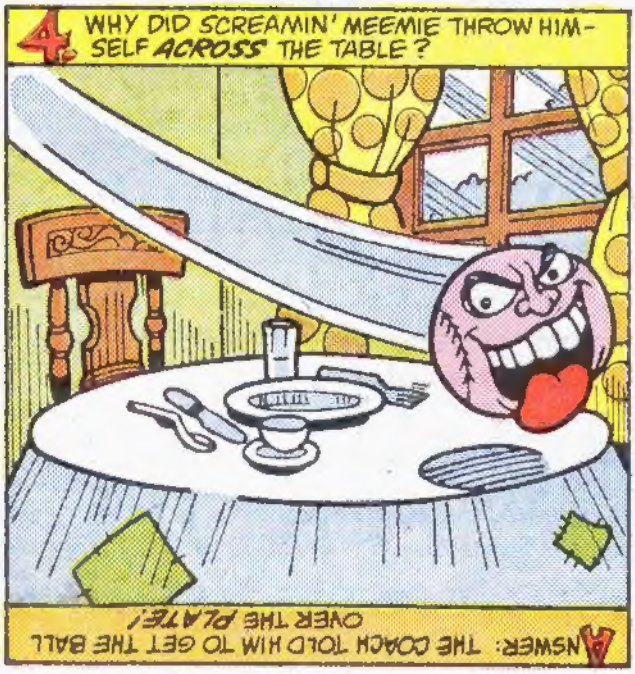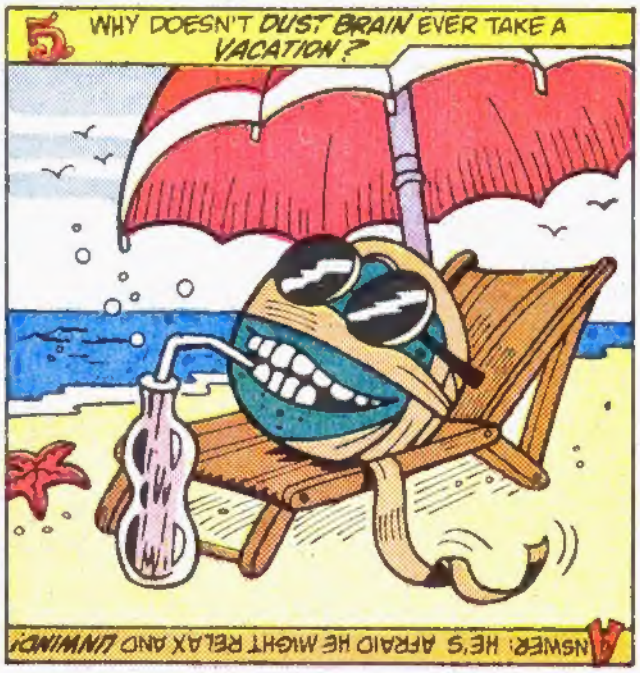
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